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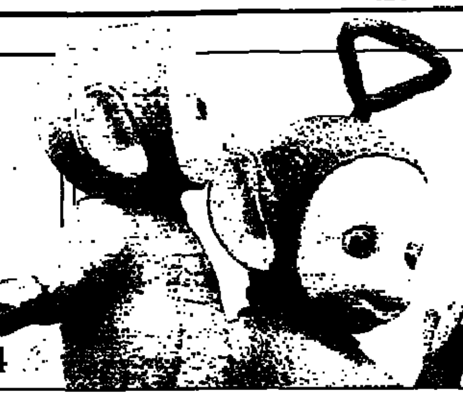

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Brown reforms investor protection

City to have independent watchdog

By Robert Miller and Jill Sherman

GORDON BROWN stunned the City yesterday by tearing up its watchdog system and announcing radical reforms to protect investors and shareholders.

The Chancellor is to sweep away the network of self-regulation that failed to prevent a series of banking collapses and pension scandals and replace it with a single body — an enhanced *Securities and Investments* Board (SIB).

The change means that the Bank of England will shed its responsibility as supervisor of banks — thus taking a further step towards meeting the Maastricht criterion of being an independent central bank without supervisory powers.

The three so-called frontline regulators that patrol fund managers, brokers, futures traders and firms selling direct to the public will also be folded into the SIB under the chairmanship of Howard Davies. Mr Davies, presently Deputy Governor of the Bank of England who said he was honoured to have been offered the challenge of setting up a new regulatory system, will take over when Sir Andrew Large stands down in July. But the Chancellor has asked Sir Andrew to take the reform process forward before then.

The reforms will affect the regulation of banks, building societies, life and pensions companies and other investment firms. But it was not clear last night whether the new overarching watchdog would embrace mortgages — which are covered by consumer *credit legislation — or* longterm health and retirement plans. Nor has the Treasury decided whether the new Financial Services Act expected in 1999 will more firmly encompass the Stock Exchange and the Lloyd's of London insurance market.

A decision will also have to be taken on how to merge the two compensation schemes that protect investors if a bank or firm fails. The present system offers up to £48,000 if an investment adviser goes under, but only £18,000 under the Bank Deposit Protection Scheme.

Announcing his reforms to the Commons, Mr Brown said: "You cannot ensure the success of Britain's financial services in the 21st century without modernising arrangements for protection of investors."

Making clear that he believed the current system had not worked, he said that it was to be replaced by one that would put the public interest first and increase public confidence. "The new arrangements, taken together, will enhance significantly the credibility of UK monetary policy *and improve the workings of* the financial markets." That meant lower longterm interest rates and higher growth and investment.

But Kenneth Clarke, the Shadow Chancellor, attacked Mr Brown for failing to consult and failing to give any indication of his plans in the Labour manifesto or during the election campaign. "Could you please stop acting like a Chancellor in a desperate hurry?" he said. "Could he please stop acting as if he was making policy on the hoof as he did in opposition?"

The Labour Party signalled some years ago its dissatisfaction on how the financial serices industry was policed and how banks in particular continued to collapse. The Bank of England's critics cited the $10 billion collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International, Johnson Matthey Bankers and, more recently the £830 million failure of Barings.

Alistair Darling, chief secretary to the Treasury and widely regarded as the architect of the City reforms, told *The Times* last night: "We have taken the view that one *regulator with sufficient clout* and powers will give confidence to the industry and investors alike. This will be a process of managed change. What was alarming me was the high level of people seeking jobs in other parts of the industry."

The City — including the existing watchdogs — generally welcomed Mr Brown's proposals, although there was a feeling of breathlessness at the speed with which the Government has moved. Peter Ellwood, chief executive of the Lloyds TSB group said: "We are supportive of this move for *banking supervision. It re*flects what is happening on the ground where most financial institutions are now selling banking and insurance."

Sir Peter Davis, Prudential chief executive, said: "We welcome this news, which reflects our long held view." And the Association of British Insurers, was pleased that an attempt was being made to simplify the cumbersome and expensive regulation system.

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CBI given a lesson in downdressing

By Alan Hamilton

JOHN MAJOR wore a black tie last year, and the year before that even the sartorially challenged Kenneth Clarke managed to leave his Hush Puppies at home. Last night the Confederation of British Industry gritted its teeth and welcomed Gordon Brown to its annual dinner with the pretence that lounge suit and red tie were perfectly normal kit for a posh do at Grosvenor House.

Captains of industry are used to tackling five-course bashes in Park Lane hotels wearing the accepted uniform of, at the very least, black tie. But we are in the age of new Labour, in which downdressing is the order of the day. *When the Chancellor told* his hosts last week that he intended to address them in a daytime two-piece, CBI headquarters at Centre Point swung into immediate action.

All 1,500 guests were immediately contacted: The rules of engagement were changed overnight; an invitation that had originally specified black tie was speedily altered to include the key word "optional." But that in itself was a lie: top-table hosts, including Sir Colin Marshall, the CBI president, and Adair Turner, its *director-general, knew that* there was only one course of action if the City was to continue enjoying its extended honeymoon period with the Government. Lounge suits.

A CBI spokesman said yesterday: "We have been very straightforward about it. All guests have now been told that they can wear what they want."

For the male guests, the switch was easy enough. But for their female partners, and for women attending in their

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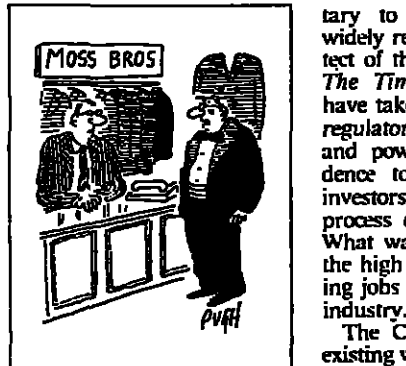

"Do you by any chance hire out lounge suits?"

JAMIE WISEMAN

Eilene Kadden, from Los Angeles, said yesterday that she would never return to London

Harrods threw me out for being big, American says

By Kathryn Knight

AN AMERICAN clothes de*signer said last night that she* would never return to London after being thrown out of Harrods for allegedly breaking the store's dress code, even though the offending item had been purchased there.

Eilene Kadden, who is 5ft 9in and a size 20, said: "It was complete discrimination against larger women. I was looking classy and funky, and a great deal smarter than other shoppers in their worn jeans and dirty tennis shoes."

Miss Kadden, 48, said she was stopped by a security guard during a lunchtime shopping trip with her moth*er, Beverley Aronoff, on Mon*day. "We were on our way out and I was holding a handful of Harrods receipts from the $2,000 of purchases I had made — jewellery, dresses, perfume, ties, and designer jeans," she said.

"I was wearing a $3,000 Cartier watch, a $600 Italian designer handbag, $100 brown leggings, and a $200 white shirt embroidered with multicoloured cactus and flower motifs. I was wearing make-up and had just had my blonde hair done.

"Suddenly a security guard *had got hold of my arm in the* middle of an aisle and asked me to leave the store. I asked why. He said the owner had said I was inappropriately dressed. I came back to my hotel, ripped off my clothes, and cried for hours. I have never been treated like this in Milan, New York, Paris, and Canada."

Miss Kadden, who is flying home to Los Angeles with her family today, said she had sent a letter to the store's legal department, and wanted a firm apology.

Sitting in her £340-a-night hotel suite only yards away *from Harrods Miss Kadden,* who sells children's clothing around the world, said: "I feel very hurt and angry and will not be returning there."

A spokesman for Harrods denied Miss Kadden had been asked to leave because of her size but said she had contravened the store's dress code.

"The security man saw this woman walking through the store, and thought her appearance infringed the dress code. She was wearing leggings, but appeared as if she was only wearing tights," he said.

Miss Kadden bought the *leggings in Harrods last year.* Asked whether double standards were being applied, the spokesman replied: "We sell tights, cigarettes and cigars in Harrods. But we don't allow smoking in the store."

Miss Kadden said when she was first approached in the store she thought she was being accused of shoplifting. "I was told, 'madam you have to leave the store immediately'. I was told that the owner of the store didn't like what I was wearing. I was shocked and mortified.

Her father, Stanley Aronoff, said the whole family was *disgusted by what had hap*pened. "We've been visiting London for 20 years, but this will be our last trip. It has all been so upsetting."

Harrods introduced a dress code in 1989, banning unsuitable attire, including swimwear, micro-shorts, and midriff-baring tops. Last night a spokesman said the code embraced any extreme form of dress. He added that he did not believe that Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner, had been in the store at the time.

Judge backs lesbian's right to adopt girl

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A GIRL of 11 has been adopted by a woman living with a lesbian partner after a ground-breaking ruling by a High Court judge, who overruled objections from the child's natural mother.

The adoption, the first of its kind in England or Wales, was approved last month at the request of the local authority responsible for the girl's care, which said that she needed the security that it would provide. The girl, who has been the subject of a care order for several years and cannot be identified, has lived with her adoptive mother *since 1995 and was said by Mr* Justice Singer to be well settled and thriving.

The natural mother — who is a single parent — had opposed the order, claiming that the Adoption Act, 1976, did not for public policy reasons permit adoption by a single woman cohabiting with another woman.

But in the ruling released yesterday, the judge said that there was nothing in section 15 of the Act to preclude a single person applying to adopt a child, even if they were cohabiting in a homosexual relationship. The court should consider the individual circumstances of each case against the overriding consideration of the welfare and best interests of the child.

It was possible that Parliament had not intended the 1976 Act to enable a homosexual to apply for and obtain an adoption order, he added. But attitudes had changed and it was not unknown for children to be placed with homosexual carers. The Act could not have been intended to deny adoption by single people, whatever their sexual orientation.

Last year the Inner House of the Court of Session in Scotland ruled in a similar case that there was no fundamental objection to the adoption of a young disabled boy by a homosexual man who proposed to bring him up jointly with his male partner, provided that was in the child's best interests.

In the only other ruling in England, a judge granted an adoption order to a lesbian woman in 1993, but she did not have a partner.

Professor Chris Barton of Staffordshire University, the author of *Law and Parenthood*, said that the ruling *confirmed* the effect of the Scottish decision last year, making clear there was no legal bar to adoption on the grounds of sexual orientation.

It was also, he said, the nearest that any unmarried couple could come to adopting as a couple, since the law allowed "joint" adoption only by a husband and wife.

The local authority would have been aware that the woman adopting the child was a lesbian and would probably have interviewed her partner as well, he said, adding that people who might attack such decisions confused homosexuality with pederism.

The child's natural mother was said to have opposed the adoption because she did want to lose the legal link with her child, and she did not like the idea of her going to a lesbian couple, even though she had nothing against the women personally.

Her solicitor said that she was now resigned to the situation. "She feels as anybody does whose child is adopted . . . very sad, and she feels a sense of loss."

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Is this discovery a bird? Or is it a dinosaur?

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A CRUCIAL link between the dinosaurs and modern birds *has been established with the* discovery in Argentina of a dinosaur that is half-bird and half-reptile.

About the size of an ostrich, it ran on two powerful hind legs and looked like many of the medium-sized dinosaurs of the Late Cretaceous period *about 90 million years ago.*

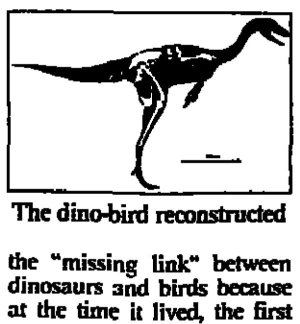
But it carried its short front limbs like wings, furling them close to the body so that they were capable of the "upstroke" needed for flapping *flight. Its discovery sheds new* light on the process by which the dinosaurs evolved into birds.

The dinosaur was discovered in Patagonia by a team led by Dr Fernando Novas of the Argentine Museum of Natural Sciences in Buenos *Aires and unveiled at a press* conference yesterday at the National Geographic Society in Washington. With a colleague, Dr Pablo Puerta, of the Palaeontological Muse*um in Trelew, Argentina,* he describes the find in this week's *Nature*. They have given it the name *Unenlagia comahuensis*, which means half-bird from Comahue, the Mapuche name for north west Patagonia.

The large size of the crea*ture, they say, suggests that it* was incapable of flight, but that it may have "flapped" its front limbs to remain in balance as it ran along.

They found the fossil on a hill, where *vertebrae first* caught their attention. To begin with, Dr Novas thought the bones had belonged to a prehistoric turtle. "But as my assistants uncovered more bones on the slope, the turtle changed before my eyes into a dinosaur," he said.

Ulenlagia itself cannot be the "missing link" between dinosaurs and birds because at the time it lived, the first true bird, *Archaeopteryx*, had appeared.



The dino-bird reconstructed

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Taxpayers don't want all the welfare bill, says Field

By Alexandra Frean
Social Affairs Correspondent

TAXPAYERS will no longer tolerate Government dipping its hands into their pockets for money to pay huge benefit bills, Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform, said yesterday in his first public speech since taking office.

Mr Field, who has been charged by the Prime Minister to "think the unthinkable" on welfare and to carry out radical reform of the mushrooming social security budget, said that "the age of the quiet taxpayer is peacefully drawing to its close — the time when we, as politicians, can happily put our hands into taxpayers' pockets and draw out at will is passing and will continue to pass with greater speed".

Speaking at a conference on welfare reform organised by the Social Market Foundation, Mr Field was reluctant to go into fine detail about Labour's proposed welfare reforms but he hinted that a tough approach to benefits could be expected. Spending £100 billion on welfare influenced people's behaviour and created a dependency culture that had to be smashed, he said. The existing system contained incentives for people to remain on benefits rather than find work, and needed to be replaced by a system which emphasised betterment and opportunity. One way was to cut off the "supply routes" to long-term dependency through a concerted effort of all government departments.

The education department, for example, needed to address the problem of girls who had never achieved at school or who had been successful at primary school but failed to sustain that success at secondary school, as these two groups were the most likely to become young, single mothers. It also needed to tackle basic standards to improve employment opportunities for young men, who were vulnerable now that manufacturing jobs had fallen.

Mr Field stressed that the welfare system, while not in "immediate crisis" was in "long term crisis" and that reform was necessary, even though it would take time.

"We are not looking for some easy panacea, some magic wand, some witch doctor set of clothes which we can dress ourselves up in and hope something will happen," he said. It was a mistake to think that "universal provision" of benefits meant the same as "state funding", he said.

State benefits such as pensions should provided for by a "medley" of methods, combining state provision with privately or collectively-run insurance funds: "We are seeking a medley of ways of achieving universal provision . . . how we can spread the patchwork quilt of provisions to make that patchwork universal."

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Labour may discipline 'naive' MP over cash

By Gillian Bowditch and Jill Sherman

LABOUR may take disciplinary action against the Glasgow Govan MP Mohammed Sarwar even if he is cleared by a police inquiry, following his admission that he handed £5,000 to a defeated rival candidate after the election.

Mr Sarwar, a member of the party's Scottish Executive Committee, told senior Labour officials that he had given the money as a loan to Islam Badar, who stood as an independent Labour candidate in Govan. Mr Badar, who is in hiding, polled 319 votes in the election.

Yesterday, party officials said Mr Sarwar had been "naive" but stressed that he continued to deny all allegations of impropriety. However, they admitted for the first time that disciplinary action could be taken against the MP irrespective of the outcome of a police investigation, if it was felt that "the accumulative effect of what has happened could bring the Labour party into disrepute".

Mr Sarwar was summoned to London yesterday to meet officials for the second time in a week They briefed him on his rights ahead of a meeting of the National Executive Committee today. That meeting will discuss the contents of a preliminary report into the issue.

The NEC is expected to authorise a wide-reaching investigation to run in tandem with a police inquiry, which has been launched at the request of Scottish secretary Donald Dewar, but will not cover the same ground.

Should the NEC recommend disciplinary action, the most likely form would be the removal of Mr Sarwar's right to represent the Labour Party. Although he would remain at Westminster as an MP, he would be unable to represent Labour at party functions, conferences or meetings, or remain on the Scottish Executive.

While it is likely that the party would wait for the outcome of the police investigation, the NEC may act more swiftly if the police inquiry drags on or the Procurator Fiscal decides against bringing charges.

Mr Sarwar was originally called to account by the Labour chief whip Nick Brown on Sunday to answer reports in the *News of the World*, which claimed that he had handed a blue plastic bag of money to Mr Badar as a bribe while the pair sat in his car in Glasgow last week. Mr Sarwar, who denies the allegations, is suing the newspaper.

He is alleged to have told party officials that the money was a loan to a fellow Punjabi who had fallen on hard times. Mr Badar is alleged to have run up sizeable gambling debts and has had a number of business failures.

Yesterday a spokesman for Mr Sarwar said he had been advised by his lawyer Chris Kelly to say nothing. Mr Kelly said: "It's a matter for the police and also for the civil courts. Sarwar's position will emerge in due course."

The Scottish National Party, whose candidate was narrowly beaten by Mr Sarwar, called for the affair to be investigated by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, said: "There is now a reported admission that Mr Sarwar has confirmed to Labour Whips that he did hand over money to a defeated rival but as a loan.

"Since this is claimed to have taken place after the campaign, it can and should come within the province of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards."

Sarwar: £5,000 "was a loan"

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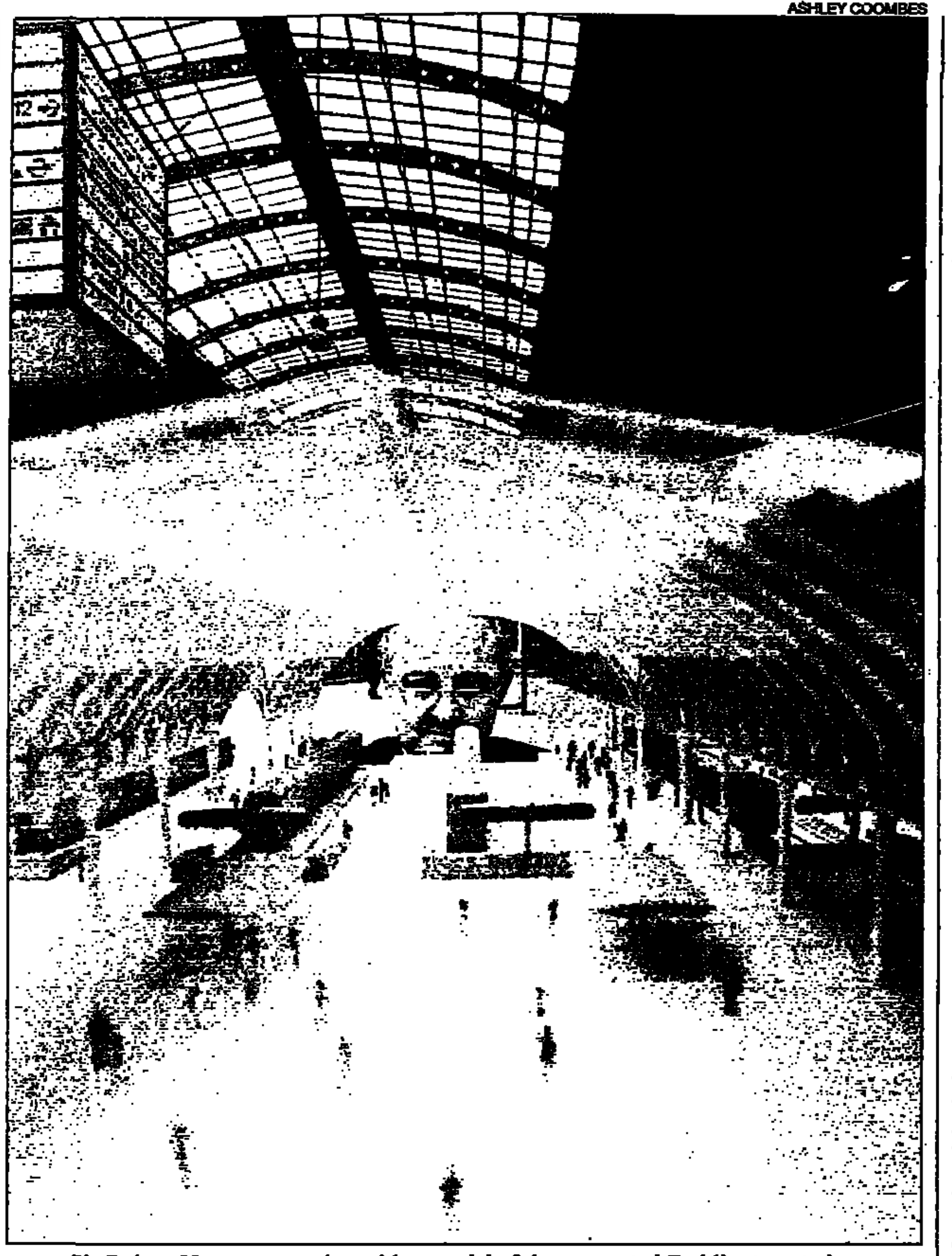

Sir Robert Horton yesterday with a model of the renovated Paddington station

Railtrack woos businesses with £1bn stations facelift

By Arthur Leathley, Transport Correspondent

A £1 BILLION programme to attract shops and offices away from the high street and on to railway platforms was announced yesterday.

More than 2,500 stations will be given a facelift over the next five years in the biggest upgrading project in railway history.

It is hoped the spending programme, announced by Sir Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, will encourage companies to convert dissused railway properties into key meeting points for businessmen.

The plan is intended to attract retail outlets, restaurants and other services such as doctors' and dentists' surgeries to set up business in stations. Railtrack's announcement comes shortly before John Swift, the rail regulator, is due to report on the company's investment performance, which he criticised earlier this year as "wholly unacceptable".

The programme will range from multi-million pound investments on some of the busiest termini to more modest modernisation of almost all stations. Sir Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, announced the "railway renaissance" on the first anniversary of the company's flotation, promising "to restore these precious buildings to their full glory".

Railtrack, which has responsibility for maintaining track and stations, has some 1,300 listed properties, making it the second largest owner of heritage buildings after the main churches. A £50 million refurbishment of Paddington station in London will be the biggest project. A new mezzanine level and new facilities for the rail link to Heathrow will be incorporated.

London Waterloo, Manchester Piccadilly, Edinburgh Waverley and Glasgow Central — will each have more than £25 million spent on improvements.

King's Cross, London Bridge, Victoria and Euston in London also feature prominently, alongside Preston, Newcastle, Birmingham New Street, Brighton and Manchester Oxford Road stations.

Among plans for smaller stations is a proposal to recreate the restaurant at Carnforth station in Lancashire, made famous in the film *Brief Encounter*.

Supremo needed 'to cut waste in justice system'

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A WHITEHALL overlord should be appointed to take control of the criminal justice system and to end excessive police paperwork and court bureaucracy, according to a government report to be published this week.

The study by Geoffrey Dear, former Chief Constable of the West Midlands and now an inspector of constabulary at the Home Office, is highly critical of attempts so far to reduce bureaucracy in the criminal justice system. It puts the case for a minister or a top civil servant to oversee the efforts of the Home Office, the Lord Chancellor's department and the Attorney-General's office to cut out waste.

According to police sources, the "supremo" could pull together the strategies of the police, magistrates, Crown Court systems and Crown Prosection Service. They would have compatible objectives, paperwork could be cut and common national computer systems introduced.

The report has already provoked opposition within the Home Office and the other departments, traditionally opposed to the transfer of power. But Mr Dear's report makes it clear that millions of pounds will be wasted unless the Government takes a radical approach.

Examples of waste highlighted in the report include the £60 million a year spent on police witnesses called by court administrators who wait in vain for cases to start or whose evidence is not required until much later.

The report also found that the computer systems used by the police, the magistrates' courts, the Lord Chancellor's department and the CPS are not compatible.

Mr Dear says: "In a multi-million-pound criminal justice system there is clearly a need for compatible objectives and performance indicators and a fully integrated IT system for the main agencies. Throughout the inspection it was very apparent there were incompatible objectives and performance indicators on critical issues. Her Majesty's Inspector sees little prospect of resolving these issues quickly unless the Government establishes a specific remit to attain compatible objectives and performance indicators."

Paedophile naming faces court challenge

A police decision to tell people when paedophiles move into their community is to be challenged in the High Court in what is likely to become a test case. Lawyers acting for two convicted child-sex offenders forced to flee from place to place will ask the court to declare that police decisions to "out" the two were unlawful.

A judge last week gave the man and woman permission to apply for judicial review against North Wales Police. Mr Justice Popplewell said the matter should be heard as a matter of urgency. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders have been invited to be represented at the hearing, which is likely to take place next month.

St John arrests

Six men were arrested by police investigating complaints of sexual abuse against cadets in the St John Ambulance Brigade. More than 50 witnesses, aged between 6 and 16 at the time, have given details of alleged abuse from the late 1950s to the late 1980s. Detectives believe that there were a large number of victims and have set up two confidential telephone lines. The six men, aged between 38 and 69, were arrested at their homes in Aldershot and Farnborough.

Former boxer bailed

Terry Marsh, the former IBF world light-welterweight boxing champion, was given unconditional bail until July 1 by magistrates when he was charged with two offences of deception involving more than £9,000. Mr Marsh, 39, stood down last month as the Liberal Democrat general election candidate in Basildon, Essex, after being charged by police. The alleged offences, which Mr Marsh denies, relate to obtaining student grants.

Top athletes win £9m

Nine million pounds in National Lottery grants was awarded to seven national sports governing bodies yesterday to help some of Britain's top sportsmen and women in their quest for Olympic medals. The four main sports to benefit from the cash, which is linked to achievements in international competition, are athletics, swimming, rowing and hockey. The most any one athlete can be awarded is £28,000.

£1m legal aid 'fraud'

A solicitor and three staff defrauded the Legal Aid Board out of more than £1 million by manufacturing bogus claims, it was alleged at Liverpool Crown Court. The solicitor Gary Grosberg, 44, from Prestwich, Francis Jones, 60, from Leigh, and David Levy, 57, from Salford, deny conspiring with Mr Jones's deceased wife, Theresa. It was said that thousands of people were tricked into signing green forms requesting legal advice during distribution of free surplus EC food.

Nurse still unburied

Yesterday was the eighteenth anniversary of the day that the British nurse Helen Smith died, aged 23, after falling from a balcony during an expatriate party in Saudi Arabia and her body is still in the mortuary of Leeds General Infirmary. Her father, Ron Smith, a former policeman, insists there will be no funeral until his accusations that she was murdered are "properly investigated".

Fewer marriages

Fewer people are getting married, according to figures released yesterday. More than 291,000 marriages took place in 1994, the latest year for which information is available, a fall of 2.7 per cent on 1993, according to the Office for National Statistics. Only 174,200 couples were marrying for the first time, a 4 per cent decline. Divorces fell 4.2 per cent to 158,000. The largest number of divorces occurred among those aged from 30 to 34.

Ring of confidence

Customers should be left waiting on the telephone because it helps business, an insurance company claims. Standard Life allows three rings because picking up the receiver too quickly leaves some people startled and unprepared, a customer service manager told a meeting in London. The company said such attention to detail was crucial if firms were to maintain their competitive edge. BT said its policy was to answer phones "as soon as possible, if not before".

CBI downdressing lesson

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own right, the sudden switch was infinitely more confusing. "We offered no specific dress guidance for female guests," the CBI spokesman admitted.

Traditionally the CBI annual dinner is strictly black-tie, and follows the pattern of inviting the Prime Minister of the day one year, and the Chancellor the next. As the black-tied Mr Major was last year's guest, this year's invitation, issued some months ago, went to Kenneth Clarke. But then there was an election.

The CBI have had ample warning since May 1 that the new Government is a shirt-sleeves administration. A Treasury spokesman said yesterday: "Mr Brown feels that the event is part of his job, and that if he is going to speak about unemployment and other such matters, it is more appropriate to wear a work suit rather than black tie."

Tackled on the subject on the BBC Radio *Today* programme yesterday, Mr Brown pointed out that BBC radio newsreaders once wore dinner suits to address the microphone, while his interviewer of the moment, James Naughtie, was not wearing a suit at all. It was, however, very early in the morning.

The CBI conceded yesterday that its dress policy might have to change in future.

The change, however, is unlikely to please the Lord Mayor and alderman of the City of London, who are particularly fond of dressing up, and whose turn it is to entertain Mr Brown at the Mansion House next month. He has already said that he will attend that event in a lounge suit.

Nuclear waste was dumped off Alderney

From Philip Jeune in Jersey

THOUSANDS of drums of nuclear waste containing plutonium were dumped in the sea just north of the Channel Islands, investigations by the Jersey authorities have revealed.

Contrary to claims by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, more than 58,000 drums from sites such as Harwell and Aldermaston were dumped ten miles north of Alderney between 1950 and 1963 in an area known as the Hurd Deep. The UK authorities had claimed that all the drums imploded as they sank, dispersing their contents, but the Jersey investigations have disclosed that more than 2,900 drums were sealed in concrete and remain 150 metres beneath the surface.

Evidence discovered by the island's environmental adviser, Mike Romeril, at the UKAEA headquarters at Harwell and the Public Records Office at Kew has revealed that some of the waste disposed of at sea was not "low level" as first claimed.

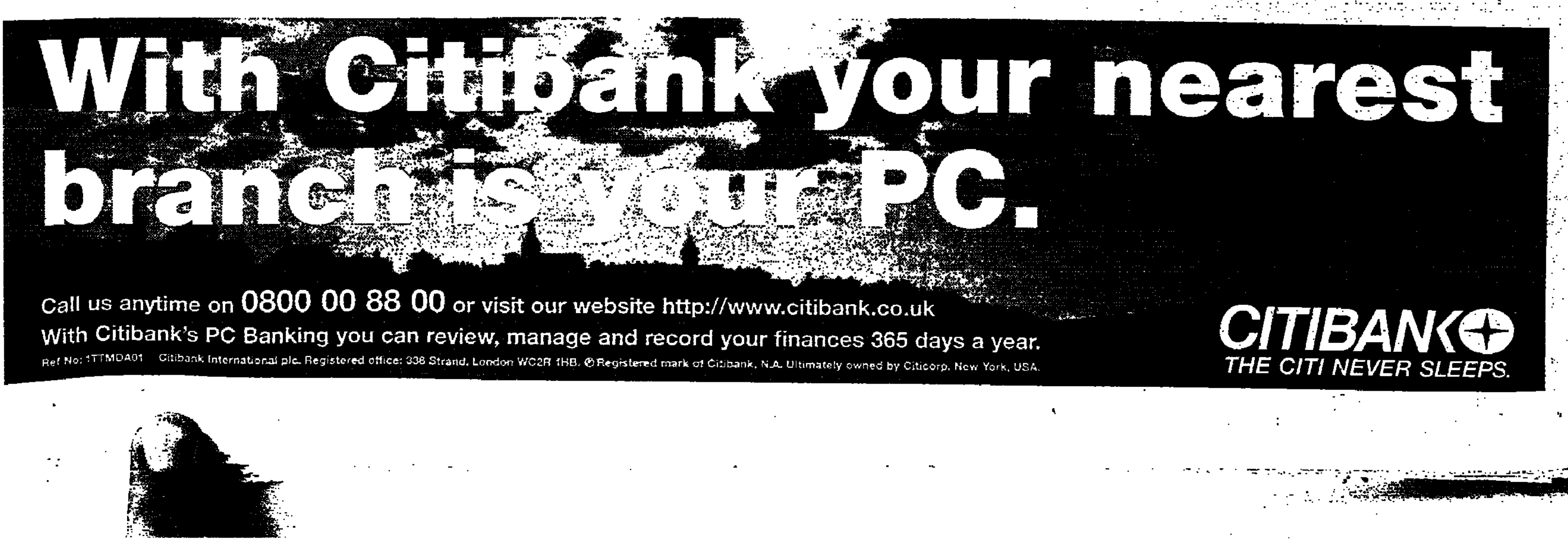
A report published in Jersey yesterday said there was no immediate health risk to Channel Islanders, but that the United Kingdom had been asked to undertake monitoring. "Some drums disposed of in 1951 contained plutonium/polonium-contaminated laboratory waste," said Dr Romeril. "While such disposal was permissible at the time, such plutonium-contaminated waste would no longer be considered 'low level' and would be disposed of deep underground."

Sir John Knill, a former chairman of the Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee, who assisted Dr Romeril, said that the discovery that plutonium-contaminated wastes were present which would not today be viewed as "low-level waste" was "contrary to the oral statement we received at the UKAEA in July to the effect that no material disposed of would, under the current regulations, be considered to be intermediate level waste".

Sir John also said that the study had unearthed documents concerning an incident in 1962 when French fishermen dredged up UKAEA drums in the Bay of Biscay. It was possible "that containers may not always have been dropped within the assigned disposal area and so may rest on the sea bed outside the limits of the Hurd Deep".

The Hurd Deep was also used for the dumping of explosives which would make the recovery of the nuclear waste containers very dangerous.

Sir John recommends leaving them on the sea bed, and determining who might be most exposed to the radioactivity, with regular monitoring. He recommends that divers should be warned not to disturb the containers.



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Jeweller killed and passer-by hurt by axe-wielding raider

By Michael Horsnell

A JEWELLER was murdered yesterday when he challenged a smash-and-grab raider who attacked a display window at his shop with an axe.

Jerry Hales, a 61-year-old grandfather, was stabbed in the chest with a 10 in hunting knife and collapsed on the pavement after wrestling with the masked robber in the South Wales market town of Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan.

A passer-by who stopped his van and went to the shopkeeper's assistance was also stabbed in the neck and body and was in a critical condition in intensive care last night. Joseph Gatt, 28, a carpet-fitter, was on his way back to the shop in Cowbridge where he works when he saw the raid. A colleague said: "Joseph was a hero. We are all praying he will pull through."

The raider, who wore a black helmet and motorcycle leathers, was chased for more than 500 yards by shoppers and other passers-by before being cornered by police. He was overpowered after trying to stab one officer.

The axeman was said to be a pillion passenger on a motorcycle that had pulled up outside the mock-Georgian frontage of the shop, called High Street Jewellers.

Murder squad detectives, who were questioning a 27-year-old man, were seeking the motorcyclist who sped off alone when he saw the robbery go wrong. Police later found a motorcycle abandoned in a field five miles away after putting up road-blocks around the town.

Superintendent Terry Ewington, leading the murder investigation, said: "Mr Hales was protecting his property. This is a terrible tragedy and the whole community has been horrified." Two women who witnessed the stabbings were taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Mr Ewington added: "The rider may feel the need to confide in someone. That person should contact us immediately."

Peter Jacobs, a shopkeeper, said: "Mr Hales had been in this town for as long as anyone can remember. He was always chatty and friendly. It is a terrible shock because this is such a quiet market town."

Mr Hales died in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, two hours after the attack. Mr Gatt underwent emergency surgery.

Witnesses saw the raider run up to the shop at 10.30am. He swung the axe at the window but it bounced off the reinforced glass. He had stepped back for a second attempt when Mr Hales ran out to stop him.

Amanda Lewis, 32, who works in the travel agency opposite, said: "It was a vicious assault. I could see the man swinging his arm with the knife clenched in his fist.

"The jeweller was shouting for help but then he just collapsed on the pavement. A man was driving past and jumped out to help but he was slashed across the back and stomach. It was dreadful."

Friends disclosed that Mr Hales was robbed by a motorcycle gang at his shop seven years ago. The town postmaster, Brian Williams, said: "Jerry was very upset about that raid and often mentioned it. When he saw it happening again he obviously refused to stand by. He obeyed his first instinct by going out to protect his property and livelihood. That cost him his life."

Anne Bloomfield, chairwoman of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, said: "It is a terrible loss. He was a very caring family man. The whole town is absolutely devastated. I can't speak too highly of him — he was a lovely man."

Self-made man falls from grace after Mayfair hearing finds him guilty of 'abuse of the stick'

Polo world bans millionaire who struck rival player

CLIVE ARROWSMITH

Paul Castle, a self-made man who poured thousands of pounds into his passion for the exclusive world of polo

By Lin Jenkins

A MILLIONAIRE businessman who used his riches to become patron of the most ambitious polo team in the country has been banned from the sport for nine months after being found guilty of a heinous breach of the rule book.

In an unprovoked attack, Paul Castle hit a former England player around the head with his stick during a match. In a game rooted in protocol both on and off the pitch, there is only one more serious crime — abuse of a pony.

Mr Castle, a self-made man who boasted of having his picture taken with the Queen, took up the sport after his doctors told him he needed to relieve the stress of his successful property business.

Despite his unorthodox background in a sport dominated by the landed classes, he quickly impressed, becoming a zero-goal player — one of the highest handicap ratings for an amateur — and setting up the Metropolitan team, whose players include the England captain Howard Hipwood.

At a two-hour disciplinary hearing at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair, central London, he was found guilty of "abuse of the stick", banned from the game for nine months and fined £5,000.

Buff Crisp, secretary of the governing body, the Hurlingham Polo Association, said the hearing resulted from a game last Friday at Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park, where he was sent off after hitting Tim Bown. Amateur players are rarely disciplined and a penalty of this order is described by many in the sport as unprecedented.

"He pleaded not guilty but admitted he did it," said Mr Crisp. "The umpire and referee combined to send him off. It was a very nasty incident. You simply cannot go around doing this sort of thing."

Mr Castle, who is in his late 30s, delivered the blow during a match between Metropolitan and the Thurlstone team. There was a melée, the polo equivalent to the rugby scrum, where players compete for the dead ball. Players are not allowed to lift their sticks off the ground or raise their elbow above the shoulder.

Mr Crisp added: "He raised his stick and hit Tim on the head and shoulder. He apologised profusely at the disciplinary hearing, but frankly, I don't know if that cut much ice with the stewards. It is not much use apologising at that stage."

Officials called an ambulance for the injured man, but he opted to play on after receiving first aid. His helmet had taken the brunt of the blow.

Mr Castle has spent the winter playing for the Royal County of Berkshire and had been due to play in the prestigious Prince of Wales Cup this weekend.

Raised in Golders Green, he left school to sell suits before working on a kibbutz in Israel for two years. On his return he set up a children's clothes firm and made his first fortune before moving to Florida aged 27 to enjoy a retirement devoted to playing tennis and socialising.

A disastrous investment forced him back to Golders Green and to property development. He again acquired the trappings of wealth, a Ferrari, a Bentley, a lavish house and enough money to fund three divorces.

Polo is a notoriously expensive sport bringing social cachet for those who are accepted. John Watson, polo correspondent of The Times, said: "He is typical of some rich men who come to the game hoping to make a name for themselves and get themselves photographed receiving a cup."

Within a year, he formed the Metropolitan team at Cirencester, Gloucestershire, sinking hundreds of thousands of pounds into players and ponies. Becoming a patron of a team is within the reach of only the seriously rich, with professional players from Argentina, New Zealand and Australia requiring wages and a string of ponies each, usually up to six, with grooms, feed, stabling and transport. Top teams can cost up to £500,000 a year to run.

Cashier sought after bank robbery

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE were last night searching for a young bank cashier who vanished after a woman colleague was clubbed unconscious and several thousands pounds was stolen from the bank.

Detectives want to interview Lee Clarkson, 21, who began work at the bank last week, about the robbery and attack on the 39-year-old woman cashier at National Westminster in Lanchester, Co Durham.

Mr Clarkson, from Gateshead, was working as a temporary cashier alongside the woman, the only other member of staff at the bank.

NatWest offered a £25,000 reward for the capture of the robber. A spokeswoman said: "We are now reviewing our policies on temporary staff as a matter of urgency."

Video film of the robbery on Monday afternoon was being studied while detectives waited to interview the victim. Police say the woman was attacked 15 minutes after the last customer left the premises at 3.15pm. Her assailant bound her hand and foot and gagged her.

The alarm was raised by a cleaner. The woman's VW Polo was later found seven miles away at Consett. When staff arrived from a nearby branch, they found the injured woman.

She was yesterday being treated for head and other injuries and was said to be in deep shock.

Barbro Hodgson, landlady of the Queen's Head public house, opposite the bank, said: "The young man has not been there very long at all. He had a skinhead haircut and didn't seem the sort of prim and proper young man you normally see working in banks. He was clumsy when he was serving me and made a mistake, but the woman excused him. She was really nice to him and they seemed to be getting on well together."

Coroner criticises driver's use of phone

By Russell Jenkins

A CORONER yesterday criticised the use of mobile phones by drivers after hearing that a reporter died when she pulled out into the path of a car while speaking on the telephone.

Kate Alderson, 28, North West Correspondent of The Times, was driving to the scene of the helicopter crash in Cheshire in which Matthew Harding, the vice-chairman of Chelsea FC, had died last October 23, an inquest in Crewe was told. Miss Alderson, from Manchester, had made two calls to Peter Beal, of the Press Association, asking for directions. Mr Beal said that he may have been talking to her when the phone cut out but he could not be certain that that was due to the crash.

Eric Slater, a witness, said Miss Alderson had had her telephone clamped to her ear, using her right hand. He saw her pull out from a grass verge and turn right.

Sergeant John Hayes of Cheshire Constabulary told the inquest: "She probably never saw the Peugeot, due to her concentration being elsewhere than on her driving."

Victoria Bentley, the driver of the Peugeot, had only three seconds to react as Miss Alderson pulled out in front of her because she was travelling at 64 mph.

John Hibbert, the Cheshire Coroner, who recorded a verdict of accidental death, said: "Despite the family's feelings, it is incumbent on me to say — clearly it is dangerous to drive using a telephone or having a telephone close by one's ear and endeavouring to steer by the left hand alone.

"It is a great pity when a young person dies in this unfortunate way. It is a tragedy for her family and friends."

Christmas with in-laws turned into a real trial

By Paul Wilkinson

CHRISTMAS lunch with the in-laws can often be a trial, but for Scott Grogan it really did end up in front of a judge.

As a family squabble escalated into violence, the turkey finished on the floor amid the debris of a broken table, the dining room door was wrenched from its hinges and Grogan's mother-in-law went screaming for help. Three policeman called to the scene were attacked by Grogan, 22, and finally arrested him after he threatened to kill his in-laws' entire family.

The Christmas from Hell started after Grogan had a row with his wife Sarah Jane when their four-week old son Connor began to cry as lunch was being served at her family's home in Harrogate.

First he stormed out, but was persuaded to return, only to drink half a bottle of red wine in one swallow.

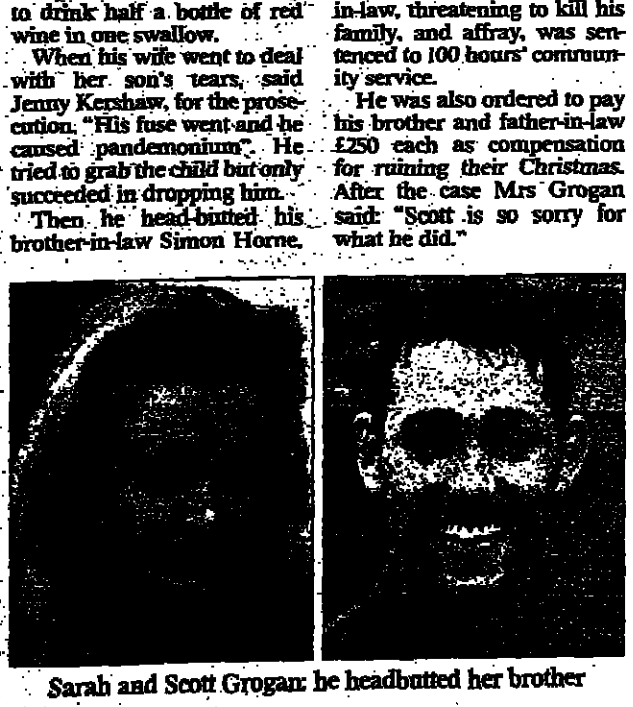
When his wife went to deal with her son's tears, said Jenny Kershaw, for the prosecution, "His fuse went and he caused pandemonium". He tried to grab the child but only succeeded in dropping him.

Then he head-butted his brother-in-law Simon Horne, breaking his nose; pushed his wife and their son against a door so hard it snapped its hinges; tipped over the dining table, sending food and wine across the carpet; grabbed his father-in-law Robert Horne, a consulting engineer, by the throat and threw him into the Christmas tree entangling him in the lights; and drove his terrified mother-in-law, Audrey, out of the house.

Grogan, unemployed, from Tockwith, near York, told police that when he dropped the baby "things really started to go wrong". Mrs Kershaw added: "He may well be right".

John Devlin, for Grogan, who is unemployed, said it was a case of "Drink in, senses out". Grogan, who this week admitted at York Crown Court assaulting his brother-in-law, threatening to kill his family, and affray, was sentenced to 100 hours' community service.

He was also ordered to pay his brother and father-in-law £250 each as compensation for ruining their Christmas. After the case Mrs Grogan said: "Scott is so sorry for what he did."



Sarah and Scott Grogan: he headbutted her brother

Working from dawn to dust

WORK was a matter of life and death for David Woon. He was an ambulanceman helping to save lives, but had a second job as an undertaker for those who were far beyond medical help. Sometimes he drove the hearse.

His double life once meant that he went from a seven-hour shift at a funeral director's to a 12-hour shift with the ambulance service, an industrial tribunal was told. The real problem came when he told his medical bosses that he was ill. The same day, colleagues spotted him working in his black suit and tie when he went to collect a body.

Yesterday he lost a claim for unfair dismissal after a tribunal at Truro, Cornwall, agreed that the two jobs were not compatible. Mr Woon, 53, had been an ambulance technician at Falmouth, and said that he had not felt that he needed permission for his extra work: "I didn't think the funeral director's was a conflict of interest, and I didn't think it was a competitor."

However, the director of operations, Ken Wenman, was concerned that he might use his ambulance work to find funeral customers. He added: "The other problem was one day he could be resuscitating, then five days later he could be in the vehicle that takes them away."

Mr Woon now works full-time for the funeral director.

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Bailiffs deny strong-arm tactics in airport eviction

BY RUSSELL JENKINS AND ADRIAN LEE

WEEKS of preparation by protesters and authorities came to a head before dawn yesterday when bailiffs dressed in black overran two of the six campaign camps on the site of Manchester Airport's second runway.

Amid allegations of heavy-handed behaviour, 60 men, including climbers and tunnellers, stormed into the Ziontree and Jimi Hendrix camps, evicted 30 protesters and arrested 15 others. Bailiffs with experience of earlier anti-road campaigns entered a few of the protesters' tunnels, but the clearance of the 62-acre site in the Bollin Valley is expected to take weeks to complete. The protesters — more than 60 are thought to remain — boasted that they would not surrender easily and that they had provisions underground to last two months.

Last night they were reinforcing their elaborate network of defences, including trenches, razor wire, tree houses with greased trunks, and concrete "lock-ons" to which they chain themselves. Oxygen was pumped into a tunnel beneath Ziontree camp and levels of methane gas were being monitored.

The clearance operation was punctuated every few minutes by the roar of aircraft overhead, which drowned out the whistles and catcalls of the protesters. One, Rob, said: "We got kicked out and they weren't gentle about it. They were dressed all in black and had massive truncheons and they were using them to get rid of us." He claimed the bailiffs, some wearing masks, also wielded sledgehammers and staves.

The first sign of action was the rustle of leaves at Ziontree where Roy, a 21-year-old protester on guard duty, was quickly overpowered. The pink and green flag that had been raised over the camp was soon torn down.

About 100 police officers accompanied the bailiffs. Another protester, Phil, 23, from Warrington, said: "They came very strongly, very quickly. It was a lightning strike. They were using SAS-style tactics."

He was dragged away as he tried to batten down a concrete hatch to a tunnel beneath Ziontree. "I thought I was going to be seriously injured. They sprayed liquid into my face. They said it was CS but I don't know what it was. They were threatening extreme violence."

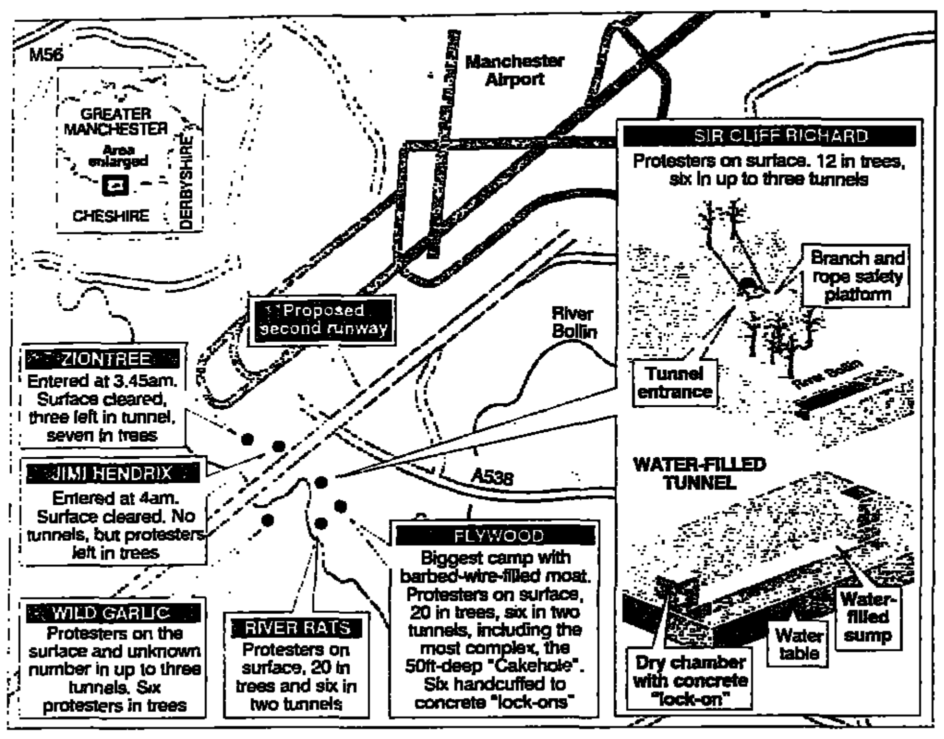
On Thursday the campaigners are due to go before a High Court judge to appeal against a possession order for the runway site, granted to Manchester Airport and the developers AMEC and Tarmac by a district judge at the High Court in Manchester.

Randal Hibbert, the Under-Sheriff of Cheshire, who led the operation, said he was pleased with the progress and rejected allegations of heavy-handed behaviour by his men. He said they had been "extremely careful" regarding the safety of the protesters. "There is quite a rapport between my teams and the protesters which is why there has been little trouble."

However, John Williams, 39, a television journalist who works for HTV, claimed he had been struck over the head and later confronted Mr Hibbert with his ear covered in congealed blood.

Graham Stringer, Labour MP for Manchester Blackley and chairman of Manchester Airport Authority, urged the protesters to give up. "They are not going to be successful in stopping the second runway. All they will do is lose the airport and the contractors more money."

The bailiffs were due to return today at 8am.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Area enlarged
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Proposed second runway
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ZIONTREE
Entered at 3.45am. Surface cleared, three left in tunnel, seven in trees
JIMI HENDRIX
Entered at 4am. Surface cleared. No tunnels, but protesters left in trees
WILD GARLIC
Protesters on the surface and unknown number in up to three tunnels. Six protesters in trees
RIVER RATS
Protesters on surface, 20 in trees and six in two tunnels
FLYWOOD
Biggest camp with barbed-wire-filled moat. Protesters on surface, 20 in trees, six in two tunnels, including the most complex, the 50ft-deep "Cakehole". Six handcuffed to concrete "lock-ons"
SIR CLIFF RICHARD
Protesters on surface. 12 in trees, six in up to three tunnels
Branch and rope safety platform
Tunnel entrance
River Bollin
WATER-FILLED TUNNEL
Water-filled sump
Water table
Dry chamber with concrete "lock-on"

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Under siege: an airport protester guarding the entrance to a tunnel yesterday

Men in black mark dawn of judgment day for ecowarriors

BY STEPHEN FARRELL
IN FLYWOOD CAMP

"THEY'RE hitting Ziontree." A woman's voice came through the trees at 3.45am, and everyone knew the "men in black" were 15 minutes early.

Rumours of a pre-dawn strike *had started the night before around* the rain-sodden fires at the protesters' six exotically named camps on the site of the proposed second runway at Manchester Airport. But the speed of the under-sheriff's operation came as a shock.

Within seconds of the woman's first cry, the protesters' alarm call "Arooga, arooga" echoed around the woodland. Experienced campaigners shouted "Get up or get down" to the few who had not yet secured themselves in the under*ground tunnels or treehouses linked* with rope walkways. Trapdoors slammed in panic and ropes were hastily pulled up. But it was too late for those on the ground at Ziontree, one of the more remote camps. The first indication of a raid came when men in black uniforms and balaclavas were spotted with boltcutters at the camp gate, hoping that the sound of an aircraft taking off would disguise the noise.

Once spotted, the men rushed into the hilltop camp. Simeon, 27, who *was in a treehouse above, said:* "They went to take the tunnel first and grabbed anyone on the ground. I couldn't see any violence, but some were saying they were being hit by people with extendable truncheons who had no numbers or identification marks on their clothes."

Jacqueline, 32, from Manchester, was woken in her tent by screams. "There were people on the floor cowering in fear with these men in black standing over them shouting, 'Stay down or you'll get it.' "

She said that half of the group of men in black then went to the Jimi Hendrix camp near by "while the other half kept us lying there, threatening us not to raise the alarm. We were eventually let go by the police who came along later."

As dawn broke, the full extent of the strike became apparent to the other camps. In addition to the men in black, the under-sheriff had climbers clad in white and tree surgeons in orange boiler suits felling branches and bringing *treehouses to the ground.* Other sheriff's officers in black uniforms and black helmets raced across the rough woodland terrain on four-wheel motorcyles.

The protesters in the four other camps, called Flywood Babylon Council Estate, River Rats, Wild Garlic and Sir Cliff Richard, OBE, Vegan Revolution, shouted support to their friends and abuse at the police and under-sheriff's recruits.

In turn, the security guards who had for weeks been manning the *razor-wire fence around the pro*posed runway shouted "Judgment Day" and "Time to go home" at tree-dwellers. But the Siege of Bollin Valley has only just begun.

Soldiers in Singapore denied bail

Two British soldiers who face at least 12 strokes of the cane and three years in a Singapore jail were remanded in custody to July 15. Richard Britten, 22, of Plymouth, and John King, 20, of Alford, Aberdeenshire, both on attachment to the Royal Marines, deny robbing a taxi driver of £19 after a night's shore leave from *HMS Sir Galahad*. An application for bail to be reduced from £4,200 to £1,700 so they could be released from prison was turned down.

Jail searched

A search of Rochester prison in Kent was carried out after a live round was found in the cell of an illegal immigrant. Officers discovered the bullet, believed to be home-made, hidden in the prisoner's clothing when they conducted a routine search.

Boy critical

A boy was critically ill in hospital after receiving a 25,000-volt shock from overhead power lines at a railway station. Wayne Osborne, 13, of Bordesley Green, Birmingham, was injured while playing with a metal pole at Adderley Park station.

No leg to stand on

A smuggler who moved Ecstasy tablets from his bag to his trousers to avoid an airport scanner was caught when a metal pin in his leg set off a metal detector. Cornelius Robertson, 57, of Streatham, was jailed for three years by Chichester Crown Court

Deadly souvenir

A boy of 11 kept a potentially deadly rifle cartridge in his school pencil case for three years. The boy, from Wolverhampton, found the live .303 round at a former Home Guard base in the town. Police said it could have exploded if dropped.

Fare deal

A woman who dodged bus fares as a schoolgirl 20 years ago has sent £5 to Midland Red, a bus company in Shrewsbury. She wrote that her conscience had been pricked by a church sermon about "restitution for things we had done wrong".

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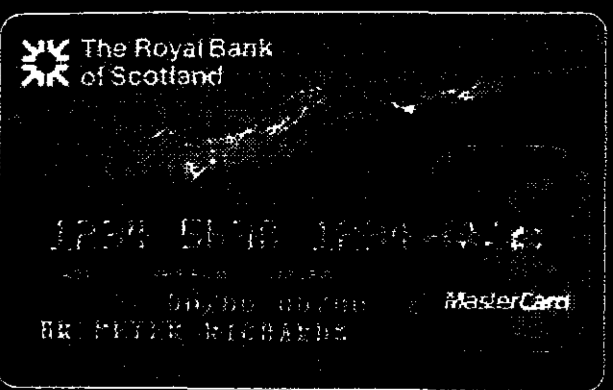

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Informer on terrorist hit-list says Crown ignored his safety

IRA mole used alias to dupe police over speeding offences

By Paul Wilkinson

A FORMER IRA informer who was given a new identity by Special Branch used four duplicate driving licences to conceal his real name from police after being repeatedly stopped for speeding.

Martin McGartland, 27, who was living in hiding on Tyneside, became convinced that the IRA had discovered his new identity and was on his tail, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

The man, whose information is reckoned to have saved 50 lives, believed his cover was blown in 1993 when terrorists attacked installations in the North East. His girlfriend had returned to Ulster with their two children and was tortured by the IRA.

Mr McGartland, whose new name was Martin Ashe, was regularly stopped in his BMW 316i, registration K33 ASH, as he tried to shake off suspected tails. Believing the IRA could access computers at the DVLA in Swansea, he had applied for a new licence with a false address and moved from his home in Blyth, Northumberland.

He eventually acquired four duplicate licences and presented a different one each time he appeared in court on a speeding charge, enabling him to escape a driving ban despite totting up 12 speeding points. Yesterday he wept with relief as he was cleared of perverting the course of justice after a four-day hearing at which he argued he was merely trying to protect himself.

Samuel Cushnahan, of Families Against Intimidation and Terror, said he was one of two people heading the IRA's most-wanted list. "People who are caught informing on the IRA are tortured and then murdered. As far as the IRA is concerned, it would be a great propaganda coup to murder Martin McGartland," he said. "His death would be seen as a lesson to others who infiltrate their security."

Glenn Gatland, for the defence, told the court that each time Mr McGartland was stopped by police he could not explain who he was because he feared detection from "moles". Mr Gatland asked PC James Slatter, a Northumbria police traffic officer: "Supposing this man turned to you and said 'I'm the principal agent against the IRA in Belfast. I am a top secret agent just like James Bond and I'm frightened someone is following me to try and kill me'.

"You would have thought, 'What substance has this lad been taking?'"

Mr McGartland claims he was dropped by Special Branch after he admitted driving a getaway car for two IRA men who murdered an off-duty paratrooper in Belfast. The prosecution claimed Special Branch now attached a low risk to Mr McGartland but he told the court: "They won't come here to say that because they know it's not true, and if anything happened to me they would look stupid."

Mark Styles, for the prosecution, said he did not believe Mr McGartland's stories. He said the former informant, who has just published an account of his experiences, *Fifty Dead Men Walking*, wanted to appear "an exciting character" because his book had just come out.

"You have used a deliberate course of conduct to deceive courts over your driving record. Getting different licences was preplanned and you have shown a total disregard for the law here."

Mr McGartland replied: "I don't need this publicity. I have lost everything through this case coming to court. I will have to leave the North East and start a new life somewhere else. I will have to change my name too."

Judge Orde said that if Mr McGartland was arrested under similar circumstances again, he would be unlikely to use the same defence.

PC Trevor Wheldon, who investigated the case, said: "Despite his background I cannot see any lawful reason why he should have wanted to obtain duplicate driving licences and used these to escape being banned."

A Northumbria police spokeswoman said last night: "We would rubbish claims this man might have raised about a police vendetta against him. Nearly every time he was stopped it was by marked traffic patrol cars."

Mr McGartland's solicitors said in a statement: "Mr McGartland believes the prosecution was brought with total disregard for his own safety and the Crown showed no insight into the real and particular dangers encountered by those living in the shadow of the IRA."

WILL WALKER

Martin McGartland arriving at court for the trial

Courage of man who leapt through window

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

MARTIN McGARTLAND was one of the bravest moles to infiltrate the IRA, passing information from the heart of the organisation. When the terrorists finally discovered his activities, he escaped by leaping head-first through a third-floor window.

He joined the IRA in the late 1980s at the suggestion of the RUC Special Branch, having come to the attention of the police as a teenage petty criminal.

During his precarious double life he took part in the planning of shootings and bombings by night with hardline IRA terrorists in West Belfast. In free moments during the day, the man with the police codename "Carol" tipped off his handlers about planned atrocities, although he would often take part in the attacks to protect his cover.

For four years he managed to remain a few steps ahead of the IRA's notorious "Civil Administration Team", which ruthlessly roots out informers and agents.

However, his cover was blown in the summer of 1991 when the IRA linked him to a police operation that foiled a gun attack on soldiers at a pub. He was summoned to Sinn Fein's headquarters in West Belfast, where the IRA routinely metes out its summary justice.

He was bound and gagged by two terrorists and taken to a third-floor flat in Twinbrook on the outskirts of West Belfast.

An RUC surveillance team, which was meant to observe his movements, lost him during the abduction. However he was saved when his captors untied him after an Army foot patrol fortuitously passed by the flat.

The agent gives a gripping account of his astonishing escape in his book: "I decided that I would risk all and throw myself through the glass.

"My feet were still bound together, so I hopped across the hallway and into the sitting-room. Before me was the window and I jumped as high as I could, hurling myself head-first at the window pane.

"I can remember a woman holding my head in her arms. I looked around my body and all I could see was blood. But I knew I had survived."

Mr McGartland was whisked away into protective custody by the security forces, and was eventually sent to England to start a new life.

Police call for end to 'logo cop' deals with sponsors

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

POLICE want to put an end to the growing "logo cop" practice of allowing companies to put their badges on police cars and clothing in return for sponsorship.

Leaders of 126,000 junior ranks will raise the issue with Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, when he addresses the annual conference of the Police Federation in Blackpool today. The federation wants the Government to outlaw sponsorship agreements reached by more than ten forces.

David French, chairman of the constables' branch, said yesterday: "I don't want PC McBurger on my shoulder or my helmet or my back. Policing is a public service and it must operate independently of, and above, all private interests. Anything else is tantamount to corruption."

He added: "It could be a fly-by-night firm sponporing us."

Since the Home Office relaxed the rules on sponsorship several years ago, chief constables have been able to raise 1 per cent of their annual budget by sponsorship, amounting to at least £70 million across the country. At least ten forces have already struck deals.

Mr French said all policing should be paid for by taxation. "Our badge is not for sale." Northumbria Police had struck a deal with a brewery for a sponsored van and Avon and Somerset had a similar deal with a chain of off-licences. He said the police could not talk about cutting down on drink-driving and yet advertise a brewery on a vehicle.

The City of London force was already looking at putting advertising on uniforms. Merseyside considered putting a logo on the backs of officers patrolling a football ground. Mr French said if companies wanted to help to fight crime they should put their cash into technological developments.

Mr Straw will also be urged to put more cash into policing. The conference was told yesterday that the last government promised to put another 5,000 police on the beat but the total police strength was down by 800 officers because of redundancies and cuts in the middle ranks. Savings had gone back to the Treasury.

Security Service breaks cover in hunt for recruits

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

GRADUATES looking for a job that will entail defending their country and making decisions that could affect national security are today invited to apply for a "very special part of Her Majesty's Government — the Security Service".

M15 is breaking 88 years of secrecy to advertise vacancies under its real name for the first time. The organisation, which has previously hidden behind anonymous advertisements offering jobs with travel and the chance to meet interesting people, has come out from the shadows to promote a career in intelligence. Potential agent-runners and counter-espionage officers are told intelligence can be used "to create waves and prevent repercussions".

The advertisements, which are appearing in selected national newspapers today and tomorrow, represent the latest example of the Security Service's changing image since the end of the Cold War.

In the early days, M15 depended for its recruits on word of mouth and personal recommendation. Whispered conversations between certain Oxbridge dons and likely students produced a steady trickle of candidates for the spying world. For at least a decade, M15 has also placed anonymous advertisements in journals such as *New Scientist* and *The Economist*.

The main source of recruiting has been through the Civil Service system. Graduates applying for the fast stream have been asked to place a tick in a box if they are interested in joining M15. Last year, about 50 per cent of the fast-stream graduates applying to the Civil Service showed interest in a career with the Security Service.

From today, however, the cloak and dagger has been dropped. The advertisement, headed *Intelligence*, offers a career "like no other", and seeks men and women with three or four years' work experience and the "analytical ability to cut through a mass of detail to get at the true picture".

M15, founded in 1909, is no longer looking exclusively for Oxbridge graduates, although a large proportion of the current staff went to those universities. It says it wants young men and women from different working backgrounds and mentions marketing executives, teachers, fund-raisers, overseas aid workers, academics and journalists. The salary is "good rather than lavish". Security sources said the pay was based on Civil Service scales, although M15 was able to pick its own salary ranges.

Foreign agents, investigative journalists and cranks are expected to apply. But the security sources said that all applicants who passed the first stage of recruiting would have to be vetted before being considered for a job.

All staff members at M15 go through a system known as "developed positive vetting" which involves extensive research by a special Security Service vetting team. Applicants are required to supply names of people who can act as referees, all of whom are questioned in detail.

One security source said: "Applicants for M15 would expect to be positively vetted. The experience is not ghastly but it's thorough."

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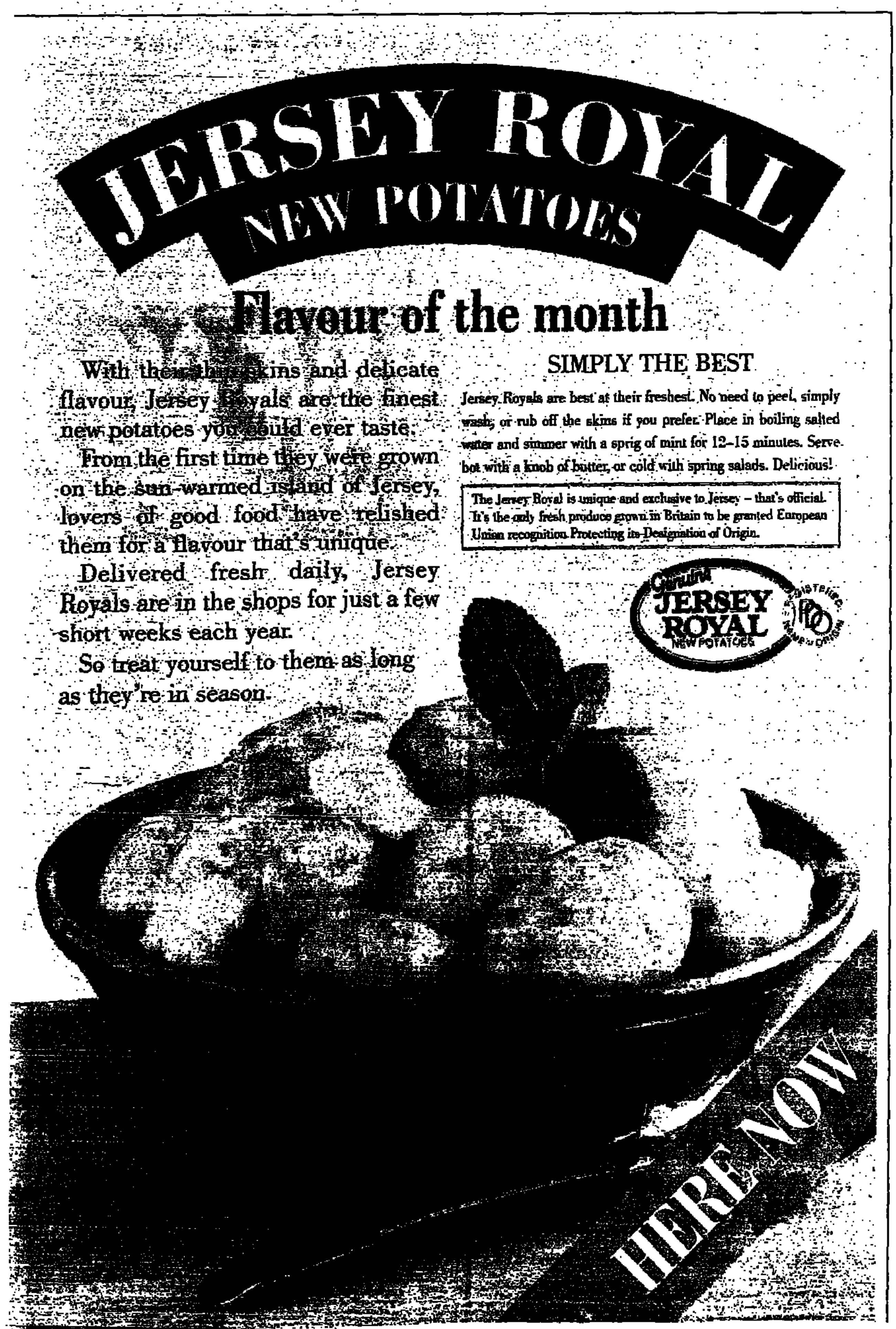

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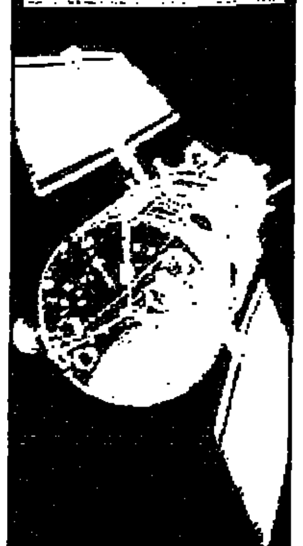

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Blunkett gives 18 failing schools a chance to improve

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE Government yesterday singled out 18 schools as the worst in the country and gave them four months to improve.

The schools will receive up to ten days' advice from expert heads, local education authority officials and governors, who are being recruited into the Government's Special Measures Action Recovery Team. If they do not improve, new teachers and governors may be appointed.

Teachers' leaders criticised the move as a public humiliation but ministers insisted they were offering the schools a helping hand. They characterised the consultants as a "help squad" and not a "hit squad" of the kind used by the previous Government to close Hackney Downs School in east London.

Representatives from each of the 18 schools are to present their recovery plans to David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary. The schools are expected to show significant progress by September or face pressure for more drastic measures, such as replacing senior staff or, once the Government's Fresh Start measures become law in the autumn, closing temporarily and relaunching with a new name.

The 18 schools include some of the worst in the country. At Mostyn Gardens Primary in Brixton, south London, inspectors found one child who had not spoken for three years. Two schools have already been earmarked for closure by their local authorities: Handsworth Wood Boys' in Birmingham, and Blakelaw in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, said he sympathised with the problems caused by the glare of publicity. But he thought the schools would thank the Government for its action. "It is not an easy situation for any school to be in," he said. "Our purpose is not to shame these schools as some trade union leaders would have you believe but to be open and honest and that will mark our approach to all matters to do with raising standards.

"Nothing will be hidden. Parents have the right to know if schools are under-achieving. I think after they had had time to reflect on the offer of help, not denigration, we are making to them today, these schools will be able to respond in a constructive way."

Mr Blunkett added: "Our children only get one chance to go to school. If their school is failing it denies them opportunities for which they have a right. That is why we have named schools which have made little progress since they failed their Ofsted report." If they proved themselves unable to tackle the problems, ministers would intervene once they gained legislative powers to do so in the autumn.

"There is no easy way or turning round a failing school. However, I want to see schools and education authorities taking responsibility for raising standards and clearly demonstrating that everything that can be done is being done," Mr Blunkett said.

However Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, criticised the way help was offered to the schools. "I fail to see how naming and shaming will help. We had enough of public humiliation from the previous Conservative Government. The new Labour Government will soon discover that these problems cannot be resolved by distant diktat."

Parents and governors at St Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic primary in Westminster, were surprised to be told that it was among the worst 18 schools in the country. The school, which has 340 pupils, had been told recently by inspectors that it did not need further help, according to Tim Joiner, a governor and local councillor.

Parents waiting to collect their children from Mostyn Gardens school in Brixton said they were not surprised it was on the list. Sharon Bedford, the parent of a pupil, said: "My daughter is actually leaving on Friday. I don't like the teaching here and the whole way the school operates. They have had four heads since September. How are children going to learn when people are coming and going all the time? This school seriously needs help."

At Upbury Manor grant-maintained school at Gillingham, Kent, John Cashford, whose 16-year-old son attends the school's dyslexic unit, said: "I was a pupil here 30 years ago and it was rubbish then. Even now, it's still rubbish. No one would choose this as their first-choice school for one of their kids."

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Lloyd Marshall, headmaster of Dulwich High School, with pupils after the school's renaming and relaunch

Harman's local is dealt second blow

NOT even a change of name, a new head teacher and the introduction of uniform could save Dulwich High School for Boys from being dragged back into the spotlight yesterday as one of Britain's worst schools.

David Blunkett's naming of the school was the second blow dealt to the former William Penn School in southeast London by a senior Labour politician. Last year it was notoriously avoided by Harriet Harman, the new Social Security Secretary, when she sent her son to a grammar school ten miles away.

The 18 schools identified by the Government as making insufficient progress are:

☐ **Earl Marshal**, Sheffield. Mixed 11-16 comprehensive. Only 8% of pupils gaining five good GCSEs. One of worst truancy records in England.

☐ **Ashburton High**, Croydon. Mixed 11-16 comprehensive. Taken over by expert head teacher last year but still struggling. GCSE grades improved last summer.

☐ **Ingram High**, Croydon. Boys' 11-16 comprehensive where 22% gained five or more GCSEs at grades A to C.

☐ **Dulwich High**, Southwark. Boys' 11-16 comprehensive.

☐ **Mostyn Gardens Primary**, Lambeth. Inspectors found one child had not spoken for three years. Poor results in English but encouraging in mathematics.

☐ **South Benwell Primary**, Newcastle upon Tyne. Third from bottom in city's league table.

☐ **St Mary of the Angels Primary**, Westminster. Only 22% reached expected levels in English tests at 11 and 46% in mathematics.

☐ **Southfields**, Gravesend, Kent. Grant-maintained mixed secondary modern, 11-17. 9% gain five good GCSEs.

☐ **Kelsey Park**, Bromley. Grant-maintained 11-18 boys' comprehensive. Second from bottom in local GCSE table with 27% gaining five or more grades A to C.

☐ **Abbey Farm Middle**, Thetford, Norfolk. Half of pupils receive free school meals. All subjects except French well below national expectations when school was inspected in November 1994.

☐ **Our Lady of Fatima**, Liverpool. Grant-maintained 11-18 mixed comprehensive with 9% gaining five or more good GCSEs.

☐ **Rams Episcopal Primary**, Hackney. 37% of pupils reached expected levels in English at 11.

☐ **Morningside Primary**, Hackney. Bottom of borough's league table, with only 7% reaching expected level in science and only 10 per cent in mathematics.

☐ **Upbury Manor School**, Gillingham, Kent. Grant-maintained secondary modern, only 7% of pupils getting five good GCSEs.

☐ **Blakelaw School**, Newcastle upon Tyne. Comprehensive already subject of closure proposals. High truancy and only 10% getting five good GCSEs.

☐ **Lea Green Special School**, Waltham Forest. Caters for pupils with behavioural difficulties.

☐ **Handsworth Wood Boys'**, Birmingham. Due to close in August 1998 because of falling rolls, financial difficulties and poor teaching. One pupil in ten passed five good GCSEs last summer.

☐ **Lillian Baylis School**, Lambeth. Pass rate for five good GCSEs went up from 8 to 17% last year, but truancy was among the worst in London.

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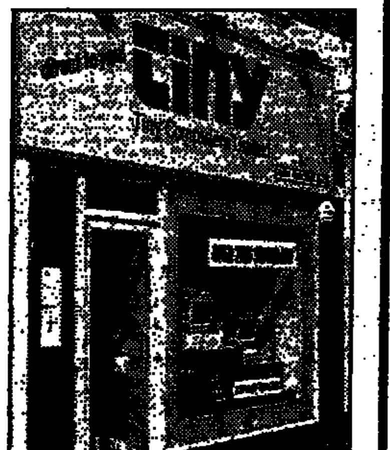

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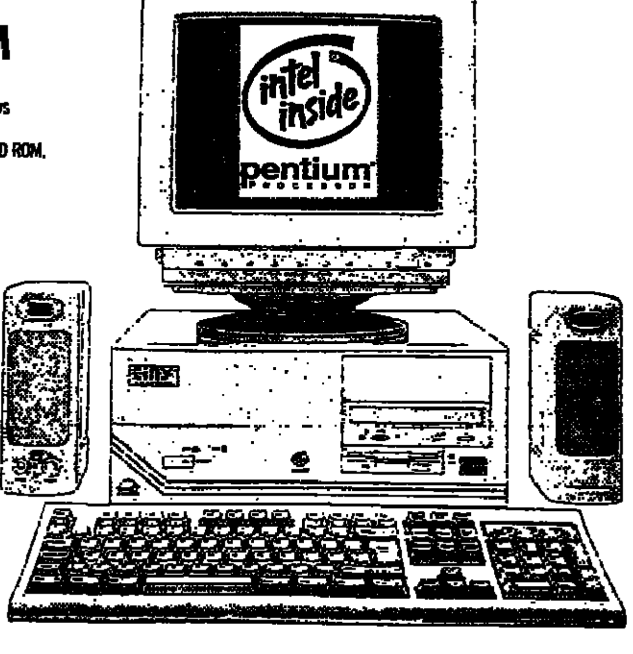

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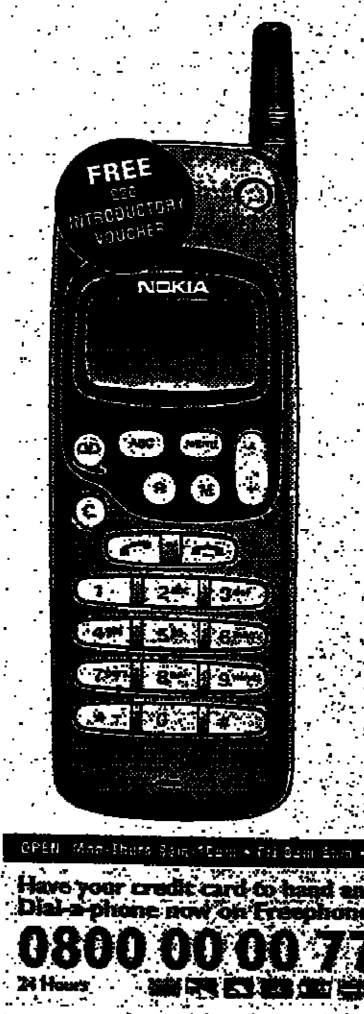

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Cancer victims sue health trust that ignored warnings of 'dangerous situation'

Smear blunder hospital accused over three deaths

■ An official report into errors that led to Britain's largest rescreening alert is being accused of not telling the whole story. Paul Lashmar and James Oliver report.

A HOSPITAL that sparked a smear-test alert involving 91,000 women had been warned of potential problems by its own staff years earlier and has understated the number of women who suffered, it is claimed.

An official report into screening errors at Kent & Canterbury Hospital cytology laboratory, published in February, suggested that the only victims were five women who needed hysterectomies. The hospital trust is now being sued by 15 women who had hysterectomies and by the families of three women who died.

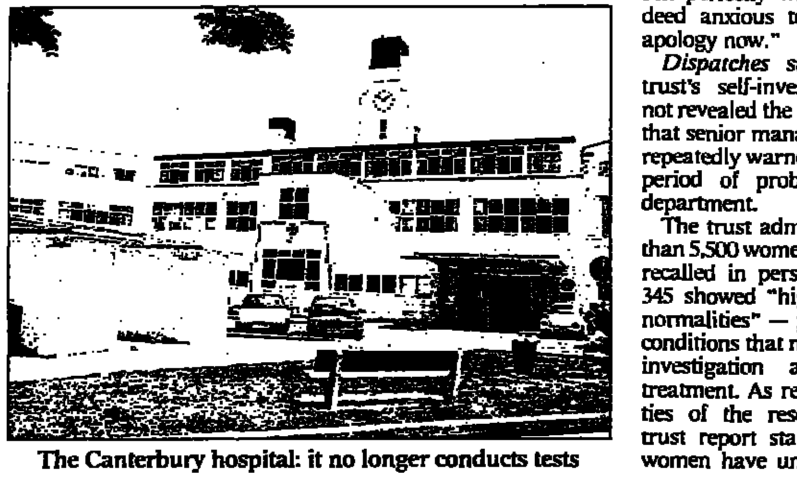
Independent laboratories had to re-examine 91,000 tests handled by the hospital — the largest rescreening in British medical history. A total of 1,800 women were found to have been wrongly given the all-clear. Witnesses and internal documents are now said to disclose that the department suffered from years of low standards, little training, understaffing and poor quality checks.

Neil Woodward, who was a biomedical scientist at the hospital, has decided to speak out on a TV documentary tomorrow, to say that hundreds of lives were put at risk. He told the Channel 4 programme *Dispatches* that he realised shortly after taking over the cytology laboratory in 1993 that standards at Canterbury were lower than he had experienced elsewhere. When he tried to change the culture he met with resistance at all levels, he says.

The hospital trust has admitted that from 1990 to 1995, 20 per cent of abnormal smears were being missed but says that is just below the acceptable miss rate of 15 per cent. However, figures obtained by the TV programme show that from 1990 to early 1993, they were missing 34 per cent of smears with high-grade abnormalities.

Mr Woodward confirms this and says it may be higher: "The indication is that a third to a half of the high-grade abnormalities were not being interpreted."

The laboratory was part of the national screening programme that aims to take a cervical smear every three years from women aged 20-64. The tests help to detect early changes in cells of the cervix. In ten years, this has cut cervical-cancer deaths by a third to about 1,500 a year.



The Canterbury hospital: it no longer conducts tests

It was in February last year that Kent and Canterbury Hospitals NHS Trust discovered its pathology laboratory had been giving the wrong results. All of the last negative smears of women taken by the hospital from 1990-95 were rescreened. This revealed that 1,800 women had been misreported as "negative" — given an all-clear when in fact they showed signs of problems.

In February this year the trust produced its inquiry report. The slim, nine-page, double-spaced document devoted only two low-key sentences to the root causes of the rescreening: the laboratory had been understaffed and there was a lack of adequate or effective management in the laboratory.

Edward Pearson, who has run the hospital since 1987 and is now the trust chief executive, says he is sorry: "We've involved a large number of women in a very major rescreening exercise which under normal circumstances we would not have wanted to undertake. We have apologised on many occasions and I'm perfectly willing and indeed anxious to repeat that apology now."

Dispatches says that the trust's self-investigation has not revealed the full truth, and that senior management were repeatedly warned over a long period of problems in the department.

The trust admits that more than 5,500 women were finally recalled in person, of whom 345 showed "high grade abnormalities" — pre-cancerous conditions that needed further investigation and possible treatment. As regards casualties of the rescreening, the trust report states that "five women have undergone hysterectomy" and says that none has invasive cancer.

Dispatches says that by last February at least 15 women had hysterectomies and three had died of cervical cancer, all of whom had been misreported. Seven survivors have suffered invasive cancer.

Sarah Harman, a Canterbury solicitor (and sister of the new Social Security Secretary) is acting on behalf of 47 clients. She said: "I can't imagine where the trust's figure came from. By the time of the February report, I was acting for 15 women who had had hysterectomies and that's quite apart from the women who had contracted cancer, and it was quite apart from the women who were going to have hysterectomies in the future. And of course, there was no mention in the report about women who had died."

Mr Pearson now says that five was the number of women treated at his hospital and not those who were treated elsewhere.

One of Ms Harman's clients is a widower whose wife died in 1994 of cervical cancer. He does not want to be identified because he wants to protect his two young daughters from further pain.

"I went to the hospital and a doctor pulled me to the side and said 'Your wife's got stage 2A cancer', which completely shocked me as it would anybody." The doctor then asked if his wife had ever had any smears taken. "I said she's had two, actually. I asked why wasn't this cancer picked up on the smears. And he said 'Oh, it was probably too far up'."

Professor R. E. Cotton, an eminent pathologist, has been called in by Ms Harman as an independent expert for her clients. He says that the two smear tests on the man's wife from 1990 and 1991 were misreported as negative. If they had been correctly reported, Professor Cotton believes, she would still be alive. "I think it's extremely likely, because the outlook for stage one carcinoma is really quite good. We get 85 to 90 per cent long-term survival."

The trust sent a letter to this patient in 1996, saying that there may have been a problem with her smear tests. She had been dead for two years.

One woman suing the hospital is Marilyn Holness, 49, who originally praised its conduct. In the *Kentish Gazette* last November, in an article headlined "Recalled hospital test saved my life", she said she had nothing but praise for it: "I know I have to have surgery but it could have saved my life." Six months later, she says it misled her about how serious the errors were that led to her cancer and hysterectomy. "They told me that it was a case of human error but now I know it was negligence," she says.

Documents acquired by Channel 4 allegedly show that pathologists in the department had been warning of the dangers of understaffing since 1989. In that year Malcolm Farley, the senior pathologist, raised understaffing at a health authority meeting. He gave warning of "a dangerous situation".

In September 1993 Dr Farley wrote to the chief executive raising "grave concerns" over staffing. He says he received no reply. Dr Farley retired in 1994 as a result of stress from overwork.

Mr Pearson denies that the trust has been at fault and maintains that they began rescreening as soon as they became aware of problems in the laboratory. He said: "Decisions have always got to be made about the relative priority of staffing demands. The resources which are available to the health service will never be adequate to meet every requirement throughout the history of the NHS."

Kent and Canterbury Hospital has not screened smears since last year. The work is now conducted at a hospital in Ashford. Local medical sources say that senior clinicians were seriously concerned about omissions in the trust report.

The trust has announced that there will be a new, more detailed *report in the future.* The women affected are looking for an independent inquiry.

☐ *Paul Lashmar, an award-winning investigative journalist, produced the* 9pm Dispatches. *James Oliver is a researcher on the programme.*

PETER NICHOLLS

'I feel ill every single day. I am very angry'

Juliet Ward, 49, seen on the beach near her home at Margate, is one of the women suing the Kent and Canterbury Hospitals NHS Trust. She had five smear tests between 1986 and 1995 (Dominic Kennedy writes). The first four gave her the all-clear and the last suggested a moderate problem. Professor Cotton, the independent expert who has examined Mrs Ward's slides, said the first smear should have raised the alarm. When her cancer was spotted in 1995, she needed a hysterectomy and radiotherapy. She had just remarried and was given a 75 per cent chance of survival. Now she is in remission. "The pain is overwhelming," she said. "I feel ill every single day. I could have lost my life. I am very angry. I don't have a social life. I cannot sleep at night."

Victim given the 'all clear' wed a week before dying

Diane Thompson, surrounded by members of her family, married her boyfriend, Gordon Carruthers, in hospital a week before cervical cancer took her life in December 1995.

There was no mention of Mrs Thompson, 45, a mother of four from Aylesham, in the official report. Her condition had been diagnosed earlier in the year, according to her son Jason Coote, 26, a soldier. She had radiotherapy and six months later a smear test indicated she was in remission.

Mr Coote said: "She went through a bit of a bad stage with the treatment, then she was really happy because she got the all clear. A few weeks later she was rushed into hospital where she collapsed. They found she had irreversible cancer. She couldn't come to terms with it."

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When breast is no longer best for the loving mother and child

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stutttaford

THE television presenter Pamela Armstrong became a mother in her early forties. Her son is now 3½ and Miss Armstong, 45, is still breastfeeding.

It is thought that breastfeeding gives a baby a good start in life but when should a mother consider that her child is off the starting line and ready to learn to live independently? Could Miss Armstrong's well-intentioned breast-feeding handicap her son, Alexander, mentally and physically? What is the effect of prolonged breast-feeding on the mother's pituitary gland and hence her ovarian function?

Women should be given every encouragement and help to breast-feed but some find it repugnant and others have physical problems that prevent it. These mothers should be reassured that it is the cuddling while feeding that is the most important factor in establishing bonding and that careful bottle-feeding will to a large extent alleviate any problems caused by lack of breast milk.

More than two thirds of mothers breast-feed for a time but more than half of those who start give up before the full advantage to the baby's immune system has been obtained: to achieve this it should continue until the third month. Beyond that age there is some evidence that breast-feeding continues to improve the child's resistance to gastrointestinal infections but not, it seems, to other diseases.

Barry Lewis, a consultant paediatrician in London, said: "Breast-feeding for 3½ years, metaphorically, keeps the umbilical cord uncut for longer than is desirable. A child may become overdependent on the mother and find it difficult to develop a separate existence later. This may cause trouble ranging from rejection of babysitters to difficulties when starting at the nursery school."

Pamela Armstrong and her son, Alexander

A family has to develop as a unit. The role of the father in the modern family is becoming less prominent than it should be for some men because of the hours they have to spend away from home, at work and commuting. If a child becomes even more attached to the mother than is necessary because of prolonged breast-feeding, the father's essential position in the household may be further undermined.

In primitive societies where the whole family is able to be together throughout the day, prolonged breast-feeding is more common and may also be less psychologically damaging.

When frequent and given on demand, breast-feeding inhibits the action of the mother's pituitary gland. As a result, ovarian function is diminished, ovulation is prevented and sexual desire is eroded. It is theoretically possible that the likelihood of other problems of ovarian dysfunction, including osteoporosis in later life, could be increased.

Dr Lewis said: "Regular, frequent breast-feeding is a wonderful contraception, not only because of the inhibition of ovulation and its effect on the libido but because it so often results in the child sharing the parents' bed. Parents deserve the bed to themselves long before their children are 3½."

Breast milk is an ideal food for young babies but it does not provide adequate iron and is short of some vitamins, in particular vitamin D. Long before the baby has become a toddler, breast milk should be regarded only as a nourishing drink, not a complete diet. It is possible that overreliance on breast milk could blunt a child's appetite for other foods that are essential to prevent malnourishment.

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Nurses vote against admitting families to emergency room

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

RCN CONFERENCE

THE tragic story of how an 18-month-old boy died persuaded the Royal College of Nurses yesterday to oppose allowing relatives into hospital emergency rooms to watch doctors and nurses battle to save dying patients.

A working party from the college and the British Association of Accident and Emergency Medicine had recommended that it was good practice to invite relatives to witness resuscitation. The RCN conference yesterday voted against the policy.

The emotive debate at the nurses' conference was swung by a two-minute speech from Betty Woodland, a delegate from Portsmouth. She introduced herself not as an experienced nurse but simply as "a grandmother".

"Two years ago my 18-month-old grandson fell into a lake," she said. "He didn't survive. The loss of a precious child devastated the family. The efforts by the police, ambulance paramedics and Accident and Emergency to save his life left us traumatised and the memory of what happened will live with us forever.

"I have spent 30 years in A & E but no amount of training prepared me for watching them working on a loved one from the other side. The accident that killed him left no mark. Resuscitation left him bruised and battered.

"We watched, we prayed, we silently screamed for them to carry on but they failed. I will always wonder if they went on longer than was necessary because we were there. We as a family were and still are damaged by watching that resuscitation."

Andrew Dight, from Wandsworth, supported her view. People did not realise what happened when someone was taken in as an emergency, dying from cardiac arrest, he said. "It is not pretty. It is not *Casualty*. It is brutal."

The case for allowing relatives to witness resuscitation was put by Helen Whyley, from Swansea. "If your loved one is fighting for their life this could be the last chance to say 'I love you' or 'I am sorry' or 'Goodbye'," she said.

There was no good reason why a relative should not be allowed in while treatment was going on. It reduced the risk of legal proceedings because the relatives could see that everything possible had been done to save the life. It also made it easier to grieve.

"Some say the relatives would not want to see people jumping up and down on their loved one's chest or giving them electric shocks. But how do we know unless we ask?"

Brian Dolan, an Accident and Emergency research fellow at King's College Hospital in London, said allowing relatives to watch was a natural extension of care. Mr Dolan, who regretted not being present when his father died after being taken in for resuscitation, said research showed 90 per cent of those allowed in were glad to have witnessed what happened, even if their relative died.

However, delegates voted by 259 to 149 against a resolution saying that relatives should be allowed into emergency resuscitations.

At present, admitting relatives of patients is normal procedure in one hospital in four.

Two out of three claim harassment

By Our Medical Correspondent

THE RCN yesterday issued guidelines to protect its members from harassment after a survey for the conference found that almost two out of three nurses claimed to have been victims of intimidation. More than half said a manager or supervisor was responsible and a third blamed immediate colleagues.

A quarter said they had experienced sexual harassment and one in ten reported racism. Only one in three had complained because they said it was difficult to collect evidence or they feared retaliation.

One nurse said: "I was constantly pushed by a consultant who decided he was quite macho. In the end we all refused to work with him and he was moved."

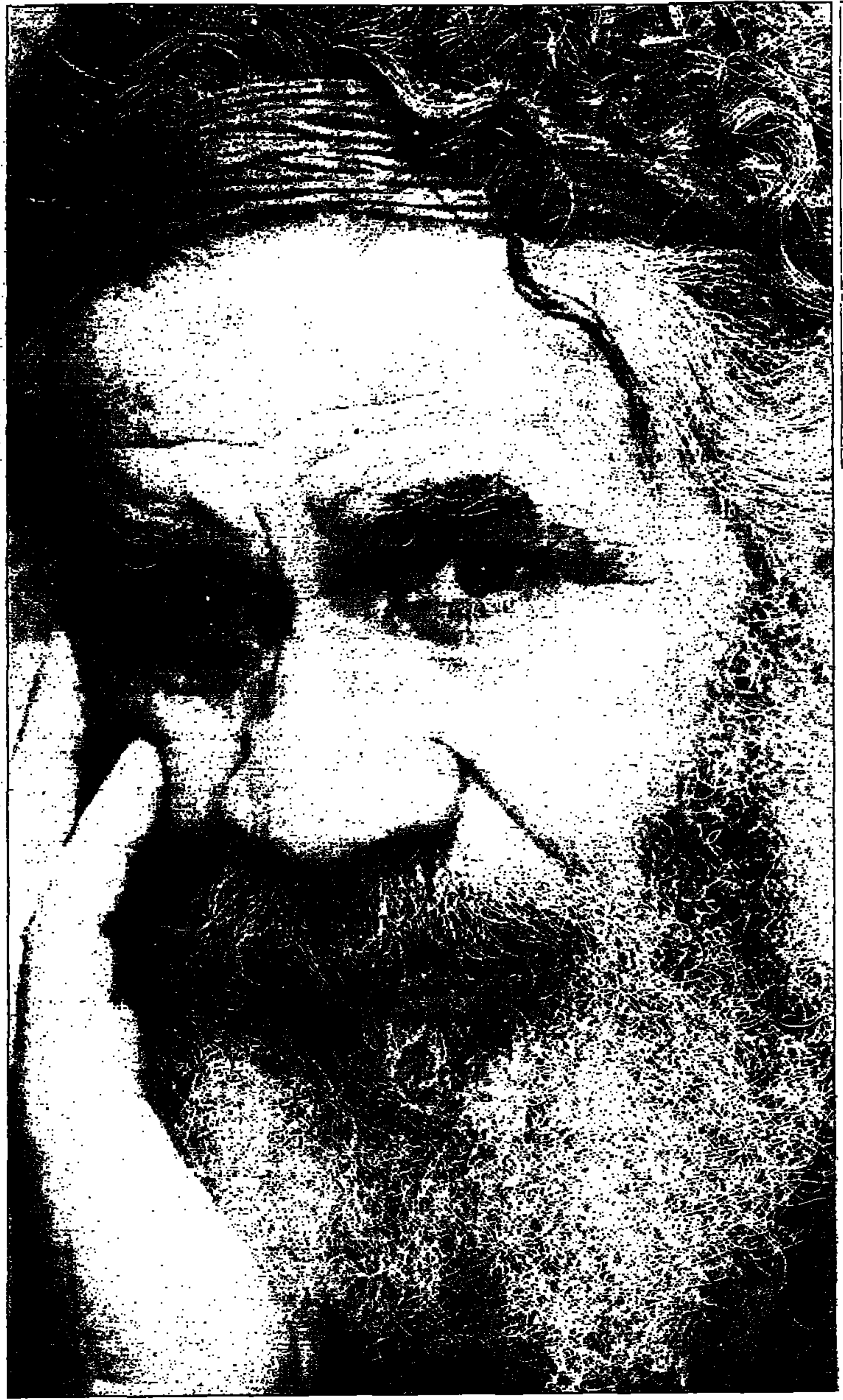
A ward sister described how a porter upgraded to auxiliary nurse had been systematically demoralised by his colleagues. "He was a strong chap, but he finished up crying before he had to go to work."

A black midwife said: "I resent working for 18 hours a day and then going to someone who says, "I want a white midwife.'" A community care nurse said she was bullied by two juniors who constantly belittled her. "I eventually went to a disciplinary procedure and they were dismissed."

The college hopes the guidelines on harassment and bullying will be accepted by all trusts and health authorities. They include a formal procedure to allow complaints to be registered and investigated.

☐ The RCN deplored the shackling in prison and court of Lucille McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, the nurses charged in Saudi Arabia with murdering a colleague.

CHRIS HARRIS



Ken Colbung, who is in Britain to seek the disinterment of the head of his ancestor Yagan

Yagan: 19th-century Aboriginal leader

Aboriginal elder seeks head's return

By Peter Foster

AN Australian Aboriginal elder is seeking permission to have exhumed from a Liverpool cemetery the skull of a warrior ancestor buried with 20 stillborn babies and two who had lived for a few hours.

The head of Yagan was brought to Britain in 1833 by a British army officer, Lieutenant Robert Dale, as a curio of the Empire. In 1964 it was discarded from Liverpool City Museum and buried in a public grave in Everton Cemetery; in 1968 the babies were buried above the head and other remains.

Ken Colbung, a political leader of the Nyoongah Aborigines of Western Australia and veteran of the Australian Army who was appointed MBE in 1980, has been searching for the head for 40 years. Yesterday he pleaded for it to be reunited with Yagan's body in Australia. Yagan was "of great cultural and religious importance to our people", Mr Colbung said.

In Aboriginal lore a man's spirit cannot pass into the spirit world to be reincarnated if the head is separated from the body. An application to disinter the skull has already been turned down by the Home Office after at least one of five mothers they contacted refused consent for the grave to be disturbed.

Mr Colbung, who was invited to Britain by the Foreign Office, is placing advertisements in the Liverpool press after the Home Office refused to supply the names and addresses of the women concerned. He hopes that if he speaks to the mothers, they might understand the head's spiritual significance.

Yagan, who led Aborigine resistance to the British presence in the Perth area, was apparently shot by an English settler who, with his brother, sought a reward.

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Clarke ridicules Labour ministers 'drunk on power'

By James Landale, political reporter

KENNETH CLARKE accused the Government yesterday of being intoxicated with power and attacked Gordon Brown for making four big mistakes in his first few weeks of office.

The Shadow Chancellor, opening the final day of debate on the Queen's Speech, took his Tory party leadership campaign on to the floor of the Commons. He told MPs that ministers were rushing into decisions as if they were teenagers trying every drink in a saloon bar. In the years to come, they would regret the consequences of their haste.

Mr Clarke said that his successor at the Treasury had made a "dreadful start". He criticised the new Chancellor for giving the Bank of England independence to set interest rates, for raising interest rates himself by a quarter of a percentage point, for having an "unnecessary" emergency June Budget, and for signing up to the European social chapter.

"In rushing into these things, this Government is showing all the signs of inexperienced men and women being intoxicated with their new power," he said. "They are 18-year-olds in the saloon bar trying out every bottle on the shelf. The alcopop addicts today will be trying the absinthe tomorrow."

He went on: "They are charging into mistakes. The whole thing is bathed in the theatrical glow of a synthetic Camelot — we will see how sinister that light becomes".

Mr Clarke said that the Bank of England had recommended the wrong interest rate decisions in the past and would raise rates more than was necessary in the future.

"For the man in the street, that means not only higher mortgage rates, but it means less jobs, less consumer demand and lost investment. All the Bank's forecasts have all been wrong as long as I was Chancellor."

Mr Brown's decison to raise interest rates — on the last occasion in which he would have the power to do so — had been precipitate. "Moving too quickly triggers expectations for future interest rates to come. Moving too quickly will almost certainly mean that the eventual peak of interest rate levels would be higher than otherwise might have been the case."

He told Mr Brown: "We will blame you all the time if interest rates are taken too high and if we find that we have lost growth in this economy."

Mr Clarke said that Britain needed a June Budget "like a hole in the head". The planned windfall tax on the privatised utilities was a "shabby thesis" that would hit shareholders, employees, and customers as well as increase the tax burden and cutting economic growth. The training and "make-work" schemes raised "cruel expectations" for jobs that could not be met.

Mr Clarke said that Mr Brown was holding a June Budget simply to raise taxes because he could not keep to the Tories' public spending plans. "He should never have promised to deliver our public spending plans," Mr Clarke said. "You are struggling to produce a tax-raising, promise-breaking Budget which will do damage to the economy of this country."

Mr Brown attacked Mr Clarke for using his speech on the Loyal Address as a "hustings speech for the Tory leadership". He rejected Mr Clarke's rosy picture of the economy and demanded: "If things were so good why were the Conservative Party so decisively rejected?"

The Chancellor also defended the decisons he had taken in the past few weeks. "Some people said that this new Government would make no difference. We have done more to show that government can advance opportunity for all in 18 short days than [the Tories] did for government in 18 long years."

Brown pursuing a dizzy pace of reform

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Gordon Brown is behaving almost as if he is only going to be Chancellor for five weeks rather than five years. After his decision to make the Bank of England responsible for setting interest rates, he yesterday sprung another surprise with proposals to overhaul the regulation of City markets. The Bank may have won a key victory over monetary policy, but it has now lost a decade-long battle to retain control of banking supervision. The world of financial markets is being revolutionised.

Mr Brown has answered any doubts about whether he would be decisive. The pace of announcements from him is exhausting the Treasury, startling the Bank and bewildering the City.

Kenneth Clarke joked that Mr Brown and his team were behaving like 18-year-olds in a saloon bar trying every bottle on the shelf — alcopops today, absinthe addict tomorrow. Mr Clarke attacked Mr Brown not just over the Bank decision, but also for raising interest rates, for having a tax-raising summer Budget and for agreeing to sign the social chapter. Mr Clarke's combative speech was one of the rare effective Tory attacks on the Government since the election, though, last Thursday, Peter Lilley made some telling points about the problems of achieving real savings from the welfare budget.

There is plenty of gesture politics in Whitehall at present — tough sounding words and promises of a fresh look here and there, but no real change in policy. That is not true of either of Mr Brown's announcements. For most people in the political world, however, the main test will come in the summer Budget next month. The proposed windfall levy on the utilities is certain to be included, to pay for the youth unemployment package.

Mr Brown faces a dilemma in deciding what else to do. He is constrained both by the spirit and the specific letter of the pledge not to raise the basic and higher rates of income tax. He is also torn between the good luck of becoming Chancellor when the economy is strong and the familiar desire of a new minister to sound shocked about hidden horrors when he examined the "books". It is hard for him now to claim that the public finances are dramatically worse than he believed before the election when the public borrowing figures are better than expected (albeit partly owing to some one-off factors in April).

His way out is to ask the National Audit Office to report on some of the key assumptions underlying the forecasts, notably for growth, unemployment and interest rates, and the conventions used for projecting proceeds for privatisation and for the "spend to save" programme announced in the last Budget to reduce benefit and tax dodging. The NAO report, due in the next two weeks, is not an alternative forecast but is likely to result in a revision upwards of some of the spending and borrowing figures.

But the real question is how, or rather whether, the Government can meet the public spending targets it inherited from the Tories. Frank Dobson has already been trying to lower expectations on nurses' pay. But it will be very hard to maintain standards in health and education without additional money. There are already murmurings of conflict with public sector unions, which could test the enthusiasm of many of the new Labour MPs who come from this sector. David Blunkett's clash yesterday with the teaching unions about identifying failing schools could be just the first of a series of skirmishes.

Mr Brown's initiatives so far have been bold, radical and right, but they have not involved spending money. The success of his chancellorship will be determined by his handling of public expenditure.

PETER RIDDELL

Mawhinney backs calls to widen leadership vote

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

BRIAN MAWHINNEY, the Tory party chairman, yesterday backed calls for an immediate change in the party's rules to allow ordinary members a say in choosing John Major's successor.

In a move that appears to strengthen the chances of the change, he said that the party's 600-plus constituency chairmen should take part in electing a new leader. Their votes would make up 15 per cent of a new electoral college, with the rest remaining with Tory MPs.

Dr Mawhinney said in a letter to MPs and constituency chairman that the rule change could be put in place without delaying the timetable for the forthcoming election.

He said that he made his request to change the rules after receiving representations from party members and MPs. But it appeared to take some of the candidates for the chairmanship of the new 1922 Committee executive by surprise.

The executive will meet to formulate the rules tomorrow after holding its own elections today. One of the five candidates for the chairmanship, Sir Archie Hamilton, said: "Dr Brian Mawhinney, as far as I am aware, has not put himself up for the 1922 executive election. If he was he would have had the opportunity to discuss it with the executive. It is the executive which will decide."

There has been increasing support for reform of the leadership rules since John Major's decision to stand down after the general election defeat. Many Tories are dissatisfied by the prospect of having their new leader chosen by the surviving 164 MPs, leaving most constituencies and members unrepresented.

Dr Mawhinney said: "The new leader needs to have, and be seen to have, the unambiguous support of both the parliamentary and voluntary [ordinary] members of the party."

He emphasised that he wanted to see the new leader in place as quickly as possible, but said he did not believe that precluded some change in the rules.

But Iain Duncan Smith, John Redwood's campaign manager, said that the National Union of Conservative Associations would be able to manipulate local party chairmen in what would be the "worst of all systems of unrepresentative voting".

John MacGregor, another candidate for the 1922 Committee chairmanship, said that if elected he would immediately begin consultations with the National Union on how to widen the franchise for the party leadership election.

Mr MacGregor, a former Leader of the Commons, leads the field in today's election. The result will be announced tonight.

The 1922 chairman's role is far more influential in opposition than in government. A crucial task in the coming months will be to rebuild morale among backbenchers.

Mr MacGregor, a veteran of Margaret Thatcher and John Major's Cabinets, will be the principal beneficiary of a split in the Right. For the first time the 92 Group of rightwing MPs has not agreed a choice of candidate. Four of its members are standing.

Sir Archie, a former Defence Minister, is a favourite contender of the Right. An Eton-educated former guards officer, he will also win the backing of the "toff" tendency.

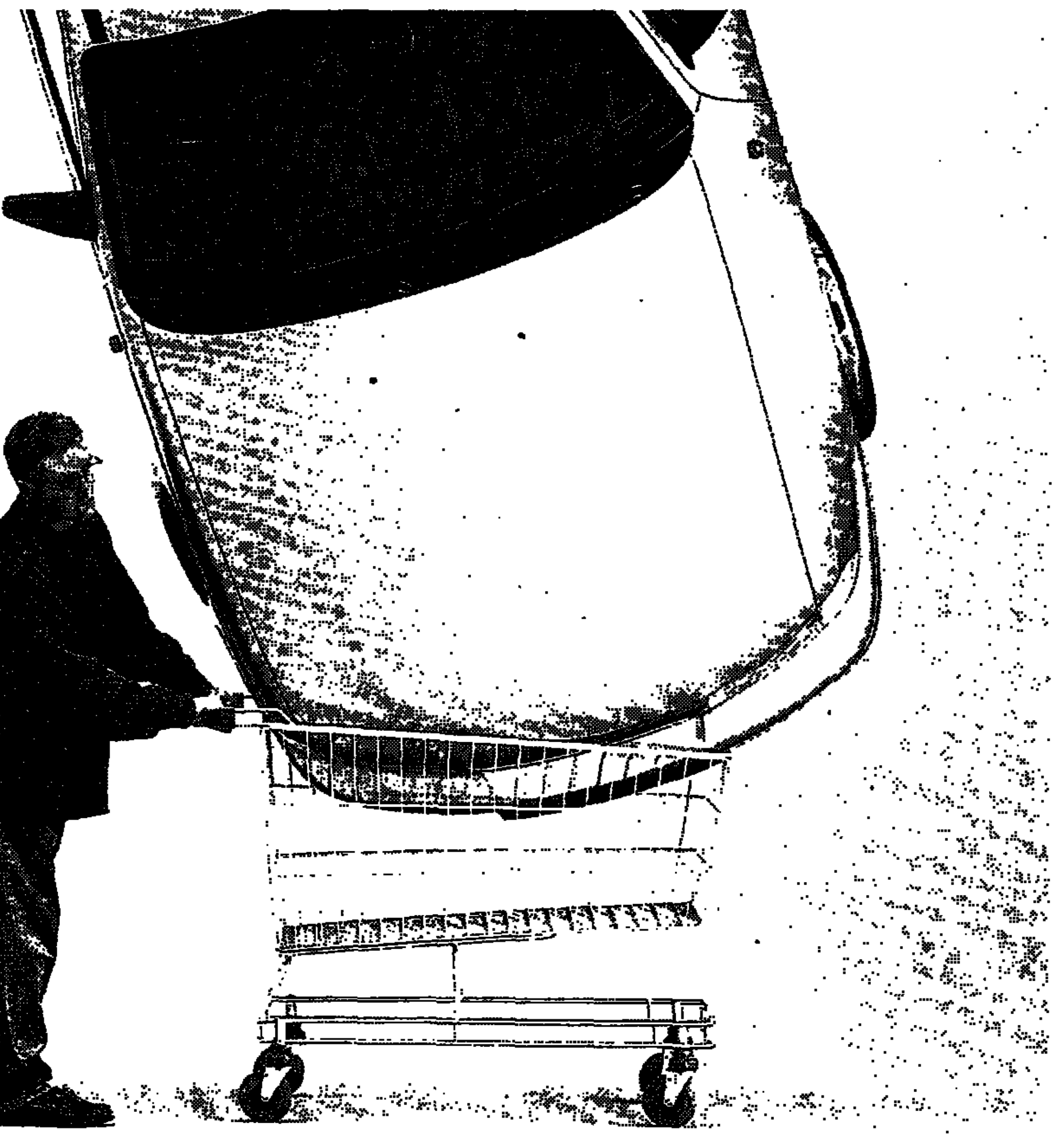
John Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth East, has secured support from some of the new intake of Tory MPs who want a backbencher, rather than a former minister, to represent their interests.

John Townend, chairman of the 92 Group, is an uncompromising Eurosceptic who also has rightwing support. But he is not noted for his diplomatic skills, which could count against him.

The dark horse is Edward Leigh, the youngest candidate. He was a long-standing critic of the Major government, which will rob him the support of the loyalsts.

The rounds of voting will take several hours. The winner has to secure at least 51 per cent of the votes cast by the 164 Tory MPs.

Among those standing for the two vice-chairmenships is the former minister Alan Clark.



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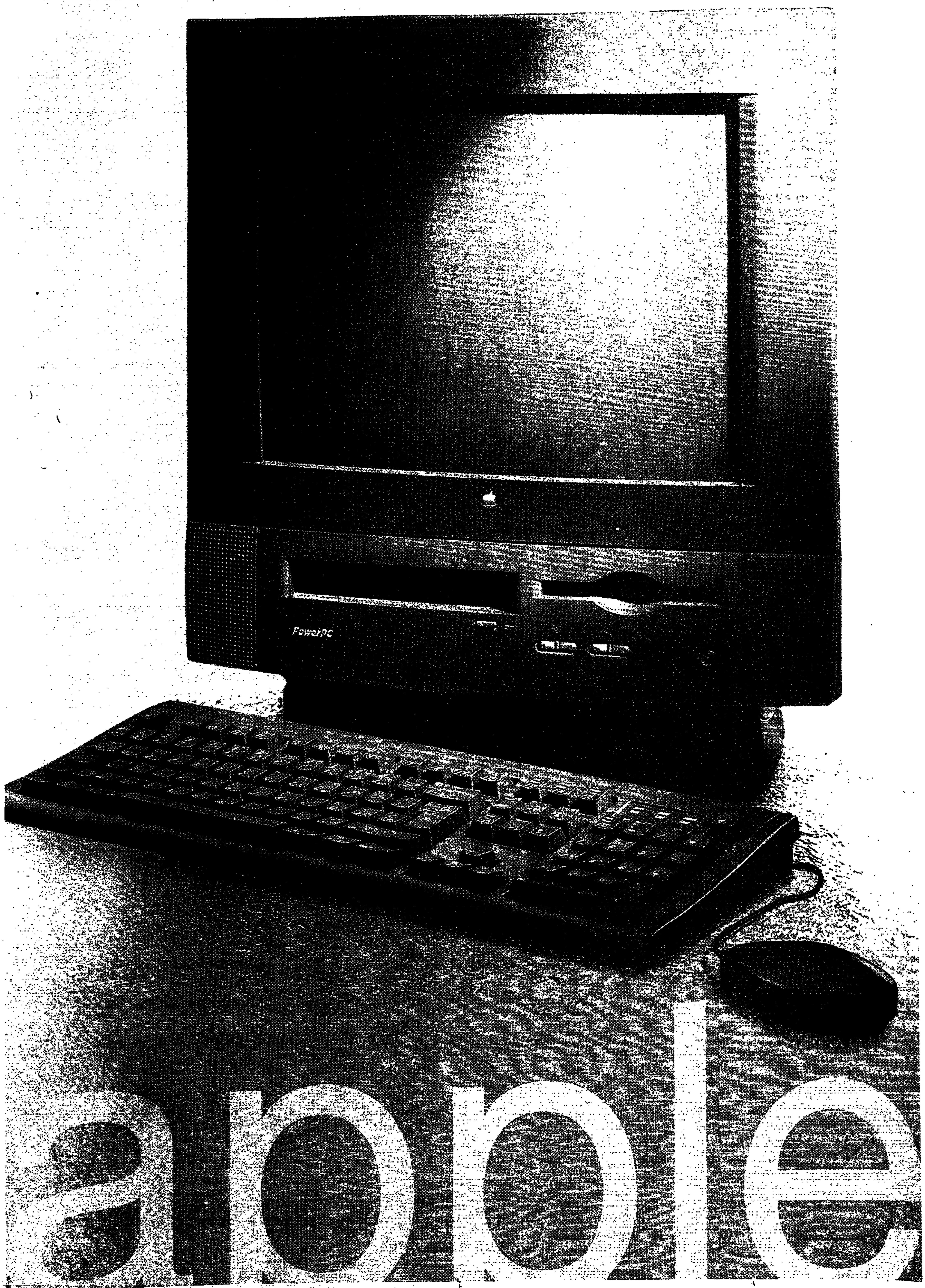

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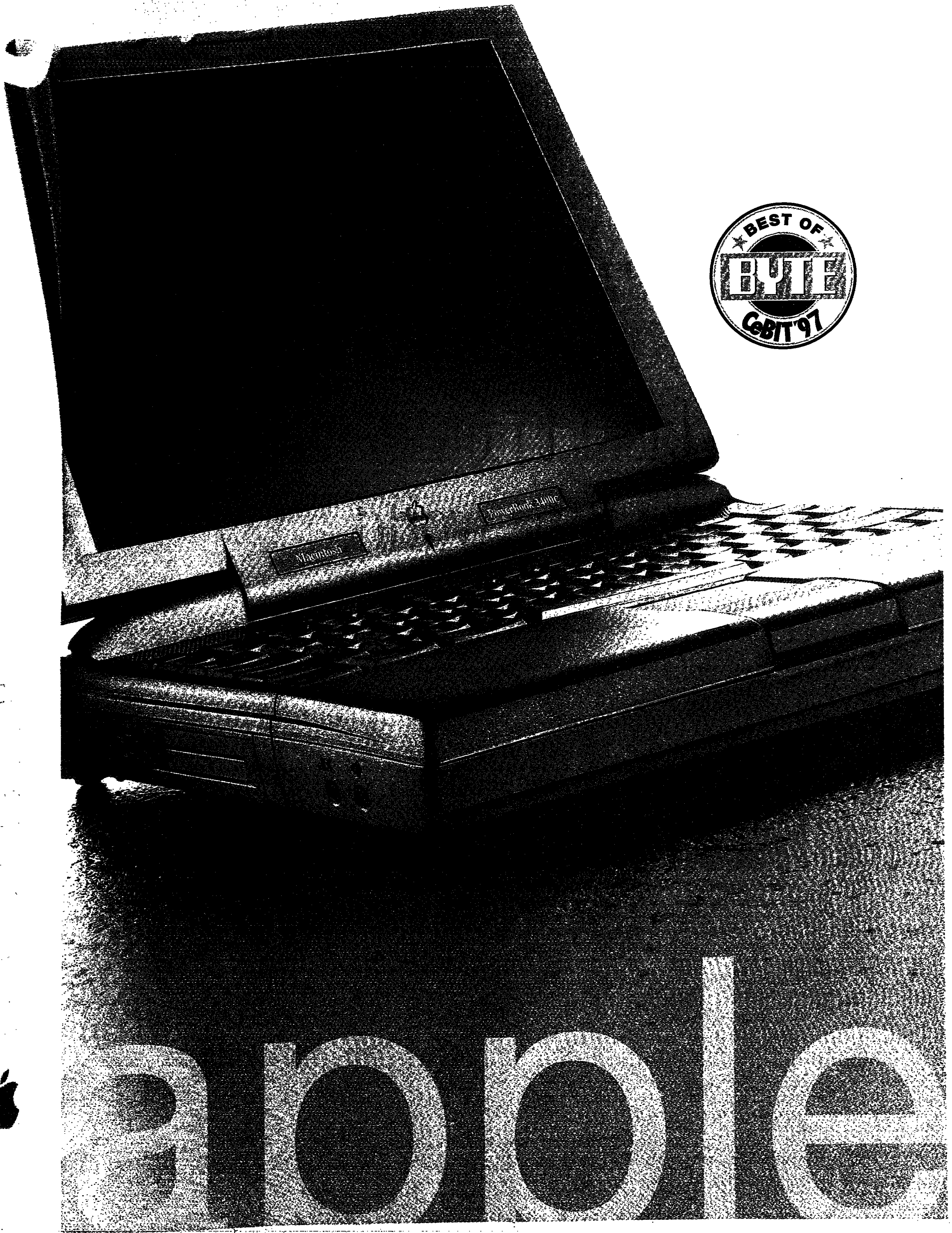

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Taleban exploits widening mutiny to advance north

From Christopher Thomas in Islamabad

THE northern Afghan military alliance was in worsening crisis yesterday as the Taleban Islamic militia launched an armed offensive to capture the final third of the country outside its control.

General Abdul Rashid Dostum, leader of the northern forces controlling an area along the Central Asian border, lost the support of more provincial commanders in an accelerating mutiny. He claimed that negotiations were under way to stem the rebellion — a tough task in a country where alliances depend more on opportunism than loyalty. If he is seen to be losing his grip, more commanders might defect to the winning side.

Mullah Mohammed Omar, the reclusive Taleban leader, said from his headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar that the northern troops should surrender. The most powerful man in Afghanistan rarely meets foreigners, especially non-Muslims — not even Norbet Holl, the United Nations chief mediator on Afghanistan, who is German.

The fundamentalist army claimed it was pushing General Dostum's men back from the strategic Shibar Pass in the Hindu Kush mountains, the gateway to the north after the Salang Highway was blocked last year to stall Taleban's advancing forces.

The northern alliance denied it was taking a beating at Shibar, but clearly this could be the beginning of the end for the last military opponents of the seemingly invincible Islamic militia, which grew out of *madrassas* (Islamic schools) in Pakistan and southern Afghanistan. It carries the moral authority of clergy, making it hard for fellow Pashtuns to put up an resistance.

It is feared by many — especially women — for its fundamentalist principles, but has been welcomed in areas under its control for bringing law and order. It does not rape or loot and is tough on crime. Comparatively liberal urban areas find its rules unbearable. The conservative countryside, however, mostly accommodates easily to Taleban's rigid strictures.

General Dostum, an Uzbek, is allied against Taleban with the Tajik forces of the former Afghan President, Burhanuddin Rabbani, and Ahmed Shah Masood, minister in the Kabul government ousted by Taleban seven months ago. Shia forces in central Afghanistan also support the alliance. Perhaps 20 per cent of the northern provinces are populated by Pashtuns, making it fertile ground for subversion.

Mazar-i Sharif, the principal northern city, was tense last night as news of the mutiny spread. Many people stayed away from work, the streets were quiet and troops searched vehicles. The United Nations halted its regular flights into the city, the commercial centre of the northern alliance, which has its own currency. General Dostum even operates a commercial airline, Baulk Air, which has three passenger planes.

The fall of the north to Taleban would have a far-reaching regional impact. The Central Asian states would worry about the spread of Islamic fundamentalism among the 50 million Muslims in the former republics of the old Soviet Union. Russia, which has been giving military assistance to General Dostum, might step up its armed presence in Central Asia to reinforce the southern borders of a region it regards as its own backyard.

It is now clear that the main towns of Faryab province, around 150 miles west of Mazar-i Sharif, have switched allegiance to Taleban. Taleban claimed yesterday that its forces had reached Faryab and was securing it.

BOB STRONG / AP

Barbara Bush and her best friend, Millie, at bottom, on the White House steps

Millie, First Dog in George Bush's White House, dies

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

MILDRED Kerr Bush, commonly called Millie, has died in Kennebunkport, Maine, at the age of 12. She is survived by George Bush, the former President, and his wife, Barbara.

During her eventful life, Millie came to be the most famous dog in the world. She leapt to celebrity in 1990, paws first, when Mrs Bush published a best-selling paperback called *Millie's Book*, ostensibly dictated by the dog, and offering pungent canine insights into life at the White House.

Three hundred thousand copies of the book were sold in the first year. It raised $1 million (£600,000) for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Until recent scandals rather overtook things, Millie was the most famous occupant of the Lincoln bedroom in the White House. The Bushes installed her there in 1989, when she gave birth to an enormous litter of springer spaniel pups.

THe late First Dog belongs to a distinguished line of White House pets. Franklin Roosevelt kept a pooch called Fala. Lyndon B Johnson lived with beagles. Ronald Reagan had a cocker spaniel and Richard Nixon — well, he had Checkers.

The latter was, before Millie came along, the best-known political pooch. He was immensely clever, and insiders swear that he could respond not just to commands such as "sit" and "beg", but also to "shred" and "eat 18 minutes of tape".

Millie would not, one suspects, have approved of Socks, the present presidential pet. Not only is Socks a cat and a Democrat, he is also a particularly pushy feline, with his own "web site" on the Internet.

Cats, however, have rarely been favoured by Presidents. Both Abraham Lincoln and John F Kennedy had one, but they kept it quiet. The reason is simple: Americans think cats are subversive. Dogs are still the good guys in the country's pet mythology. Millie, in her stylish way, played up to those traditions.

Millie's insights

Western leaders call for broad-based government

JEAN-MARC BOUJOU / AP

Kinshasa residents awaiting their new leader fly the flag of the Kabila alliance yesterday

Kabila arrives in Kinshasa to take up reins of power

By David Orr in Kinshasa and Our Foreign Staff

LAURENT KABILA flew to Kinshasa last night to take control after his rebel army drove Zaire's President Mobutu from power and he had declared himself head of state of the renamed Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mr Kabila arrived at Kinshasa's Ndjili international airport in darkness from the southern city of Lubumbashi, having crossed the vast country he now controls from east to west aboard a Canadair Challenger jet, a flight of about two hours.

He was met by officials of his Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, who flew in earlier from Lubumbashi, the former rebel capital near the border with Zambia. He made no statement but quickly climbed into a Land Rover with smoked glass windows and left for the capital with trucks of soldiers and cars full of dignitaries in a motorcade. As the people of the renamed Democratic Republic of the Congo awaited the unveiling of a new government, Western powers urged that it should be as broad-based as possible. Britain said it would recognise the transitional government of Mr Kabila. "Britain will deal with this government," said a British diplomat in Kinshasa. "But any assistance we might give will depend on the usual conditions being met."

The United States, a key player in talks which led to the departure of Mr Mobutu, declared cautious but conditional support for the new regime. "We have our hopes but we are watching very carefully," said Madeline Albright, the US Secretary of State.

"We are making it very clear that it is important for the new Government to be inclusive, to be concerned and to do a lot about democratic practices and human rights."

South Africa, which led last week's successful mediation to avoid a bloodbath in Kinshasa, has said it is satisfied with assurances it has received from the new leadership. Mr Kabila has promised an orderly transition to democracy.

Germany, Italy and former colonial ruler Belgium have voiced cautious support for the new order. France, a longtime ally of the ousted president, has been more circumspect, insisting that Mr Kabila has yet to establish his democratic credentials. It is widely believed that Etienne Tshisekedi, who under President Mobutu was three times named prime minister and three times sacked, will be the new prime minister.

"Kabila can work with Tshisekedi," a man at a Kinshasa newspaper stand said yesterday.

Paper lion threatens to put bite on wallet

From Sam Kiley in Johannesburg

ZAIRE'S new Finance Minister may be heading for a copyright battle with Disney if he does not change his business card as quickly as his new President changed the name of the country.

The logo on Mawapanga Mwana Nanga's business card is intended to show the strength the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire by using a lion as its centrepiece. Unfortunately the US-educated former don has undermined the tough image by copying a picture of Disney cartoon character Simba, star of *The Lion King*, into the alliance seal.

There is nothing Mickey Mouse about the challenges Mr Mawapanga will face at the head of the new Congo's Finance Ministry. The national bank is empty and senior government officials who have not fled will expect the promotion denied them under the deposed President Mobutu. According to the World Bank, the country will need $1.4 billion (£850 million) a year to rebuild the economy.

Mr Mawapanga will probably be spared any legal battles with Disney's lawyers as he will soon replace the alliance logo with the new/old Congolese flag. Replacing the Mobutu-era green flag is an important symbol to the country that Mr Mobutu's rule is at an end. Hence the name change. Mr Mobutu called his country Zaire, thinking it more African, whereas it is is Portuguese. Congo, after the Kongo kingdom, is African.

Australia puts brake on road rage

From Roger Maynard in Sydney

THE Australian state of New South Wales is to introduce a law to combat road rage. From later this year, drivers intimidating other motorists by driving too close behind or flashing their headlights could face disqualification, a hefty fine or prison.

The state government announced the measures last night after a spate of confrontations in the state. In one incident a man was clubbed with a hammer in Sydney. In an increasing number of road rage clashes, women are the victims.

Carl Scully, the state's Roads Minister, said: "Our roads are not dodgems and they are not speedways. They are not places for drivers to vent their frustration on other road users."

The legislation will allow courts to fine motorists up to £5,000 and impose five-year jail sentences for predatory driving. Driving with intent to menace will carry a fine of £2,500, and a maximum prison term of three years.

"An example of predatory driving is continual tailgating, flashing of lights, overtaking and then slowing suddenly," Mr Scully told parliament. "It's behaviour akin to stalking with a motor vehicle."

In a country bereft of common courtesies that British drivers take for granted, the new road-rage rules are long overdue. Sydney, where being overtaken by another motorist is often seen as a slight to masculinity, boasts some of the most aggressive drivers in the world.

☐ **Children abused:** Australian authorities grossly violated the human rights of generations of Aboriginal children through a policy of forcibly separating them from their parents, according to a report that was leaked yesterday. An inquiry that heard evidence from more than 500 victims of a practice that persisted until the 1960s found that one in five suffered sexual abuse in foster families or institutions, and that one in six reported excessive physical punishment when they were children.

It was told that thousands of children were removed under an official policy that made them wards of state from birth and gave Aboriginal parents no guardianship rights. Many never saw their children again.

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Britain urges Bosnia to implement pact

From Tom Walker in Sarajevo

MAKING his first tentative steps into the Bosnian quagmire, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, yesterday warned Muslim, Serb and Croatian leaders that the international community's patience was fast running out with their failure to implement the Dayton peace accord.

Mr Robertson risked criticism for his insistence on holding individual talks with the three members of Bosnia's collective presidency, and particularly for travelling to the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale to meet Radovan Karadzic's hardline successor, Momcilo Krajisnik. Carl Bildt, the High Representive for Bosnia, prefers visiting politicians to stay away from the former ski resort, where the siege mentality of the Bosnian Serbs has hindered attempts at ethnic reintegration. But Mr Robertson said there was no rift with Mr Bildt, whom he had seen last week.

"I'm the Defence Secretary of the United Kingdom and I make judgments," he said. "There are 5,000 British troops and that is a major commitment. I want to make sure that the success of what they've done is built on in the political process."

He said that his message to Mr Krajisnik was "very strong", and that he was looking for a clear signal from the Serb leadership that they intend to honour Dayton.

Mr Robertson said that the continued presence of British troops beyond June 1998 — the present date for Nato's withdrawal from Bosnia — depended on an improvement in the political climate. "I've made one message to all Bosnian politicians," he said: "Don't take us for granted."

Apart from the miserable political climate, Mr Robertson said he was concerned by the continued scourge of landmines, describing the clearance measures taken so far as "completely inadequate". Freely admitting his inexperience and his desire to talk to all sides, he said he had been shocked by a helicopter trip above the bleak ruins that still characterise the Bosnian capital.

"It is an eye opening experience to see what devastation was done by people essentially to themselves," he said. "We have got to get over the message that to return to that would be a catastrophe."

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US parties unite to cut deficit but budget dodges welfare dilemma

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX
IN WASHINGTON

BY THE end of today, the Senate is due to insert the final dots and commas on the five-year budget plan, the focus of months of haggling between the White House and Republicans.

Both sides have hailed it as historic; both hope its passage will help to lift the legislative paralysis which has gripped Washington this spring. But the political adroitness of the deal does not change the fact that, in economic terms, this is a cowardly budget. The main aim of the legislation is to wipe out the federal government deficit by 2002. The House of Representatives was set to vote on the plan late yesterday and the Senate tomorrow.

Pete Domenici, Republican chairman of the Senate budget committee, and John Kasich, Republican chairman of the House budget committee, said yesterday in a joint article that the plan "will finally force the Government to live within its means, just as hard-working men and women must do every day". As well as the balanced budget centrepiece, it gives the "family values" brigade a $500 (£312) tax credit for each family; corporate America receives capital gains tax relief; President Clinton's cherished $35 billion of educational tax credits have survived; and there was still room for $85 billion of tax cuts to pacify supply-side Republicans.

That a deal was reached is not surprising. The White House and Republicans both wanted to consolidate a claim to financial prudence; neither wanted a reputation for intransigence, having witnessed the collapse of Newt Gingrich's power as House Speaker after he shut down the government two years ago.

In purely political terms, the budget may prove to be a turning point. By making deficit-bashing a point of consensus between both parties, it has removed one of the main campaign weapons which Republicans used against Democrats. Perversely, that may have a destabilising influence on the Republicans, allowing both the Religious Right and tax-cutting enthusiasts a louder voice in the party, even though neither can unite it.

But in economic terms the budget has ducked every important problem which faces the United States. In particular, the deficit is projected to grow after 2002 as "baby-boomers" retire and draw their entitlements to pensions and Medicare, the lavish healthcare system for the elderly.

Two proposals which would have gone a long way to solving this problem were quietly dropped in recent weeks, with the tacit connivance of both sides. The first was a proposed adjustment to the annual inflation index; economists agreed that it overstates inflation, although not by how much. A revision downwards would go some way towards curbing entitlements which are linked to inflation, such as pensions.

The second missed opportunity was the proposed cap on federal government spending on Medicaid, the health scheme for the poor. State governors hated it, believing they would have to take up the burden, while the White House feared a backlash from the liberal wing of the Democratic Party.

Mr Domenici, acknowledging that the plan does not address these long-term problems, argues that it was not realistic to resolve these issues within a five-year plan.

Without doubt, ducking both of them suits the White House and Congress. Neither wants to run the political risks of tackling them now. The problems will not surface until after Mr Clinton leaves office in 2000, at which point Republican leaders can resurrect the deficit as a campaign weapon.

Cuban cigars on a roll despite trade ban

FROM DAVID ADAMS
IN MIAMI

DESPITE a trade embargo against Cuban cigars, demand for what are widely regarded as some of the world's finest smokes appears to be unstoppable in the United States, where a black market in the illegal tobacco is booming.

"Everybody seems to want a taste of the forbidden fruit," said Keith Prager, a United States Customs agent in Miami. "The fact that it's embargoed probably adds to its mystical power."

There is also a thriving trade in fake Cuban cigars. The American cigar industry estimates that $50 million to $75 million (£30 million to £45 million) in revenue is lost each year to the illegal trade. Industry officials believe that at least two million of the seven million "Cuban" cigars expected to be smuggled into the US this year will be fakes.

While it is illegal to buy, sell or trade Cuban cigars in the United States, it is not illegal to possess — or smoke — them. Even in Miami, the city that supposedly shuns all things communist, the lure of Cuban tobacco is too much for many exiles.

"I just want the best cigar I can get," said Bill Teck, a Cuban-American magazine publisher. "To hell with politics. Some things are more important. Nothing can stop a cigar lover from a good cigar, embargo or no embargo."

Over the past two years, the number of smuggled cigars seized by the US Customs Service has more than tripled to nearly 90,000 with a combined value of more than $1 million. On one fairly typical day in February, Customs officers at Miami airport made 22 seizures, of which 13 involved Cuban cigars, both real and fake. Only three busts involved cocaine or heroin, the most trafficked illegal drugs.

Until recently, most cigar infractions involved tourists trying to sneak a few in on their way home from countries where Cuban cigars are legally sold. But the potential large profits involved in Cuban cigars has attracted professional smugglers. In Cuba a box of 25 premium hand-rolled cigars goes for up to $300. On the Miami black market they can fetch $25 per cigar and as much as $40 in New York.

In March, Customs agents in Fort Pierce arrested two men returning by boat from Cuba with 49 boxes containing 1,296 cigars hidden below deck.

Passive smokers face doubled risk of heart disease

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

PASSIVE smoking could double the risk of heart disease, according to new research published yesterday after a ten-year study by scientists at Harvard University.

The legal implications of the findings, which show that exposure to other people's smoking is much more harmful than previous studies have indicated, are likely to be far-reaching, with the study providing ready ammunition to thousands of passive smokers in America who might now wish to sue the tobacco industry, their employers, and even those who smoke at desks next to them at work.

The study, which monitored more than 32,000 non-smoking female nurses, shows that regular exposure to "second-hand smoke" endangers the heart by reducing oxygen supply and damaging the arteries. Significant damage to the arteries, in fact, can result from as little as an hour's daily exposure to another's cigarettes over a regular period.

In addition, passive smoking lowers the levels of a beneficial form of cholesterol known as HDL and increases the tendency of blood platelets to clot together.

Nurses who reported an occasional exposure to smoke were found to have developed a 58 per cent greater risk of heart disease. According to Ichiro Kawachi, assistant professor of medicine at Harvard, the association between passive smoking and a bad heart is "startling".

The findings could spell the end of "smoking" sections in American bars and restaurants. Edward Sweda, a senior lawyer at the Tobacco Control Resource Centre at Boston's Northeastern University, told *The New York Times*: "This study will be of enormous help to legislative bodies who are trying to get limits on smoking, especially in controversial areas like restaurants and bars, where the tobacco industry has worked closely with restaurant associations to block legislation to make these places go smoke-free."

There will also be a knock-on effect on a landmark case now before a Florida court, in which a group of airline stewardesses are suing their employers and tobacco companies for the harm they suffered from years of work in the "smoking" sections of aircraft. Phillip Morris, which is being sued by the stewardesses, refused yesterday to comment on the Harvard University study.

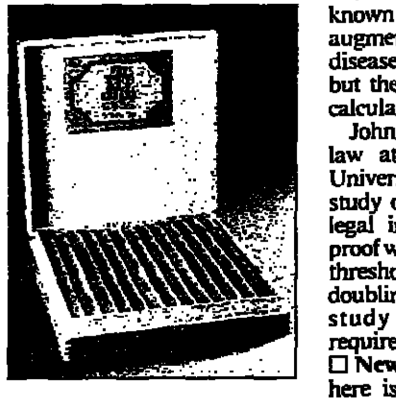
Although the research focused exclusively on female passive smokers, the Harvard team believes that the findings apply equally to men.

The women who were observed ranged in age from 36 to 61 when the study began in 1987. Over a decade, 152 suffered heart attacks, 25 of them fatal. According to Dr Kawachi, the research leader, the results mean that "there may be up to 50,000 Americans dying of heart attacks from passive smoking each year".

Before this study, it was known that passive smoking augmented the risks of heart disease in passive smokers, but the "risk increment" was calculated at only 30 per cent.

John Banzhaf, a professor of law at George Washington University, said: "I think the study could have a profound legal impact. We now have proof which will meet the legal threshold requirement. The doubling of risk shown in the study satisfies, that requirement."

☐ **New York:** A businessman here is suing TWA for $6.5 million (£4 million) after he says he missed a farewell visit to his dying father in Israel when he was kicked off a plane for questioning a "no smoking" rule. By the time Reouven Barzilai, a jazz club owner, arrived in Tel Aviv after a three-day delay, he said his 73-year-old father had lapsed into a coma and was unable to communicate. The father, who had cancer, died a few days later. *(AP)*



A box of 25 "Trinidad" Cuban cigars were auctioned in Geneva yesterday for SwFr16,100 (£6,700), three times the pre-sale estimate and a record price for a cigar at auction. The 7.5in cigars, packed in their original cedar box, were from the special selection of the Cuban national factory generally reserved for diplomats and other dignitaries. *(Reuter)*

CHARLES BENNETT / AP

Lieutenant Flinn arrives at Minot Air Force base, North Dakota, yesterday

Air force turbulence delays sex pilot case

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

SHEILA WIDNALL, the Secretary of the US Air Force, was all smiles when Kelly Flinn, the first woman to pilot a B52, was hand-picked to take her for a spin at the controls of a bomber last year.

But yesterday America was enthralled by the spectacle of the air force in conflict and the women sparring over Lieutenant Flinn's admission of adultery with a civilian, and disobedience.

Mrs Widnall "had no intention" of granting Lieutenant Flinn's request for an honourable discharge rather than face a court martial that has already caused the air force a surfeit embarrassment over its handling of sex issues. The secretary's feelings were conveyed by air force officials speaking behind a cloak of anonymity to reporters in Washington.

In North Dakota, Lieutenant Flinn's lawyers submitted her resignation request, causing the scheduled opening of her much-publicised court martial to be postponed.

Mrs Widnall had apparently retreated from her indication last week that she would consider an honourable discharge as a way of averting the trial. Her change of mind was said to have resulted from consultations with advisers, who found no precedent for such a dispensation.

Frank Spinner, Lieutenant Flinn's lawyer, said he had evidence to the contrary — giving a glimpse of the dirty linen that could be washed in court.

The feud has attracted widespread sympathy for Lieutenant Flinn, who is 26 and single. She says never flying for the air force again and possibly going to prison far outweigh her crimes.

Barbra Streisand to take plunge again

Barbra Streisand with James Brolin in New York

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

BARBRA STREISAND, the queen of Hollywood's "mature singles" set, is reportedly engaged to be married for the second time.

After months of speculation, Ms Streisand, 55, is wearing an engagement ring from actor James Brolin, 56, who said they were in love and looking forward to married life. No wedding date has been announced.

"I can see my future married to Barbra and I think she can see her future married to me," Mr Brolin said on *Entertainment Tonight*, a syndicated TV magazine. "We were smitten with each other from the first moment. She's one of the sweetest little girls I've ever met." Ms Streisand is a legendary entertainer and liberal activist as well as a close friend of President and Mrs Clinton. Her net worth before the release of her latest film, *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, was put at more than $200 million (about £125 million) and her love life has long been the stuff of gossip columnists' dreams.

She has been married once before, to actor Elliott Gould, with whom she had a son, Jason. Since separating in 1969 she has been romantically linked with the rakish Don Johnson, of *Miami Vice* fame, Peter Jennings, the respected ABC newsreader, and Andre Agassi, the fiery tennis star.

Ms Streisand met Mr Brolin last year at a Malibu dinner party given by another of her former lovers, Jon Peters, the hairdresser-turned-producer, according to a *Variety* columnist. They have since been inseparable. Ms Streisand is loathed by many religious conservatives for her outspoken stand on such issues as gay rights, but is adored by millions more as a singer, actress, writer and director. Mr Brolin has appeared in *Hotel* and *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, both television series.

Hunting of jaguars 'will save them'

THE Venezuelan Government has approved the legal hunting of the country's dwindling jaguar population, despite a worldwide ban on killing the endangered animal (Gabriella Gamini writes).

It claims that by issuing hunting licences for jaguars, whose skins can fetch several thousand dollars on the international market, it can help to save them. It says the plan is the "only way" to make feasible a small project to relocate a few jaguars into nature reserves.

Cash-strapped government officials said they had no choice but to use proceeds from hunting licences to fund relocation plans. Officials said they could charge up to $20,000 (£12,000) for a licence. The jaguars "to be saved" will be shot with tranquilliser guns and flown to newly created wildlife parks.

Texas to set record for executions

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

TEXAS, the death penalty capital of the free world, is preparing to enter the most macabre of record books by executing four prisoners in one week.

Richard Drinkard, 39, died by lethal injection on Monday, 12 years after he killed three people with a claw hammer. Last night Clarence Lackey, 43, was to follow suit at the infamous Huntsville "death house" after he was convicted for a murder in 1977.

Tonight Bruce Callins, 37, faces capital punishment for shooting a customer in a Dallas bar 17 years ago, and Larry White, 47, is scheduled to die tomorrow after stabbing an elderly woman to death with a screwdriver in 1977.

So far the state has executed 12 inmates this year and, assuming the three other men die this week, Texas will have established a new record of seven for a single month. Ten more are planned for next month and a further two are set for July — meaning that Texas will easily shatter its previous annual high of 19 executions in 1995.

Television crews are rarely present and none of the big regional newspapers regularly sends a reporter to cover an execution. There is no countdown to death and, contrary to the conflict which surrounds executions in other states, there is little legal, moral or political conflict. There is no handwringing by elected officials and courts rarely impose eleventh-hour stays.

But the unprecedented number of executions this year is certain to rekindle the debate over capital punishment in America when, as expected, Texas surpasses its previous annual record some time next month.

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Colony hails new judge

Hong Kong: Leading lawyers here hailed an announcement yesterday by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-designate, that he would nominate Andrew Lee, QC as Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal in the post-handover government (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Mr Lee is a member of the Executive Council of the Governor, Chris Patten. Although he has never served on the bench, his nomination pleased lawyers who had been worried that Mr Tung's choice would be an undistinguished serving judge who would kowtow to Beijing.

Margaret Ng, who represents the legal profession in the Legislative Council, said Mr Lee had a thorough understanding of common law, the foundation of Hong Kong's laws. Mr Patten called the nomination "excellent news".

Clinton critic attacks Left

Washington: Gary Aldrich, the former FBI agent who claimed President Clinton held sexual trysts at a Washington hotel, yesterday threatened to sue *The New Yorker* magazine for an article in which he was said to have described the secret meetings as "hypothetical" (Tom Rhodes writes). He portrayed Jane Mayer, the magazine's reporter, as an "attack poodle" of the liberal Left.

Beggar freed from prison

Hong Kong: A crippled beggar who was forced to crawl into court in April, because his crutches had been confiscated as evidence, has been freed from a six-month jail term by the High Court. When arrested in March while begging, Cheung Sun-wah — who was in Hong Kong illegally — struck a police officer with his crutches. The High Court ordered that he be deported back to China. *(Reuter)*

Harriman sale nets £3m

New York: A beguiling jumble of artefacts which once belonged to Pamela Harriman, the former American Ambassador to France who married into the Churchill family, has been sold here by Sotheby's for nearly $4.7 million (£3 million). The main beneficiaries of the sale are her son, Winston Churchill, and his estranged wife, though the bulk will go to the taxman (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Flights hit by French strike

Paris: Pilots at Air France, the national airline, and its short-haul division Air Inter Europe, started a four-day strike over pay scales, causing widespread disruption on European and domestic flights. Fifty per cent of short- and medium-haul flights were hit by the walkout. *(Reuter)*

Dress feud ends in jail

Dubai: A girl, 19, has been sentenced to a year in jail and 30 lashes for beating up her mother in a row over how she was dressed to go out, the daily *Emirates News* reported. An Islamic court in the emirate of Ras al-Khaimah rejected a plea by the mother for leniency. *(AFP)*

CIA 'offered $1m' for East German spymaster's help

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

MARKUS WOLF, the East German spymaster, was offered a million dollars by the Central Intelligence Agency to act as a double agent for the Americans. This nugget was one of the first to emerge from his memoirs, which will be serialised by *Stern* magazine from today.

Looking rather less than a million dollars, Herr Wolf yesterday pleaded in front of a Düsseldorf court for acquittal on kidnapping charges. He faces a possible three and a half years in jail — sentencing is expected next week — and may well be regretting his contemptuous dismissal of the CIA offer.

The American approach apparently came in May 1990, after the Berlin Wall fell, but before the merger of the two German states. The CIA and West German intelligence services had known of Herr Wolf's flagging loyalty to the regime of Erich Honecker. On one occasion he tried to address a crowd of East German protesters, and over the past few years he has presented himself as a closet Social Democrat.

The then CIA director, William Webster, decided it was time to sign up the spy, for his insights not only into the rapidly fading East German leadership, but also for his mass of knowledge about Soviet espionage in Europe. Gardner Hathaway, the assistant director of the CIA — responsible for counter-intelligence — visited Herr Wolf in Germany and apart from a "seven-figure sum", offered him a new identity and house in California.

Herr Wolf, instead of appealing for mercy in a windowless courtroom, could have been resting yesterday next to a swimming pool on the west coast of the United States. The offer seems to have been to act as a double agent, with the understanding that he would eventually defect and disappear.

It is not clear from the early extracts whether Herr Wolf — who was helped in composing his memoirs by a British journalist — will reveal much. Since the CIA approach, the opening of various Russian archives and the debriefing of scores of defectors and asylum seekers have given a comprehensive picture of the espionage world as seen from Moscow.

Even the historical insights, judging by the initial extract, are of limited value. The man who once provided the model for John Le Carre's sinister Karla reveals that Herbert Wehner, the Social Democrat parliamentary leader who died in 1990, gave information to the East German regime. This hardly ranks as an earth-shattering disclosure. The current dispute among historians is over how far Herr Wehner considered he was behaving in an authorised way, serving Bonn's Ostpolitik, and how far he was betraying national secrets.

Herr Wolf could only resolve this argument by stating plainly whether Herr Wehner was on the East German payroll. He dodges the question, however, and leaves the impression that he would be worth rather less nowadays to the CIA.

The 74-year-old spy chief was once dubbed the "man without a face" because he was so rarely photographed. In the meantime, he has become a feature of German talk shows and has produced a book of his favourite Russian recipes. Some of the dishes were tried out on his favourite West German spies.

Yesterday, he demanded that the German authorities stop "persecuting" spies. He argued that a 1995 constitutional court judgment — ruling that East German spies could not be tried for treason since they were merely serving their state — had in effect called for an end to prosecutions.

Wolf could be facing three years in prison

THIERRY CHARLIER / AP

Jack Cunningham, Britain's Agriculture Minister, embraces Emma Bonino, the EU fisheries commissioner, before their talks in Brussels yesterday. Britain claimed later to have made progress on tightening controls on "quota-hopping"

Progress over fishing quotas

foreign fishing vessels which take some of the catch allocated to the British fleet (Michael Hornsby writes). Dr Cunningham said he believed a solution was attainable because of the new Government's less confrontational approach. About 150 vessels, owned by the Spanish and Dutch and registered in Britain, take an estimated 26 per cent of all Britain's fish quotas.

Yeltsin removes 'corrupt' general

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN fulfilled his promise to crack down on official graft yesterday, when he dismissed one of Russia's most senior army officers, accused of corruption.

The Kremlin announced that the Russian leader had relieved General Konstantin Kobets of his post as chief military inspector and Deputy Defence Minister, after he was charged with bribe-taking, embezzlement and illegal possession of arms. "The evidence proving General Kobets engaged in the abuse of power aroused the President's indignation," said a Kremlin spokesman.

The officer, who is in hospital recovering from "hypertension", was accused last week by the military prosecutor's office of accepting a dacha worth £200,000 from the Lyukon construction company, which was awarded a government contract for building apartments for the military. General Kobets has denied the charges and insisted that the controversy was the result of a honest commercial mistake.

Yuri Dyomin, the chief military prosecutor, said that 20 generals and admirals and 100 officers of the rank of colonel were being investigated for corruption, which is endemic at all ranks of the cash-starved military.

However, the action taken against General Kobets, 57, is no ordinary corruption investigation. The career army officer was long considered one of Mr Yeltsin's closest loyalists in the armed forces. In 1991, when the Russian leader defended the White House parliament against the hardline coup, General Kobets sided with Mr Yeltsin against the Communist leaders. In 1993, it was General Kobets who led the bloody operation against rebels attempting to overthrow the Kremlin leader.

☐ **Heart check:** Michael DeBakey, the American heart surgeon consulted on Mr Yeltsin's quintuple bypass surgery last November autumn, visited the Russian President yesterday and declared him in good shape. Mr Yeltsin thanked him for his help. *(AP)*

Three on trial over Florence 'Monster' killings

From Richard Owen in Rome

A MAN accused of being the brutal and perverted serial killer known as the "Monster of Florence" returned to haunt Italy yesterday when three of his alleged accomplices went on trial.

Pietro Pacciani, a semi-literate former farm labourer aged 72, was convicted in 1994 of seven out of eight double murders of courting couples in the woods round Florence between 1968 and 1985. He was acquitted on appeal in February last year, but the supreme court overturned the decision and ordered his retrial in the light of new evidence. The hearing is likely to take place in the autumn. Much of the new evidence comes from Giancarlo Lotti, 54, a drinking companion and card partner of Pacciani, who is said to have confessed all to police.

The prosecution will seek to prove that Pacciani, who has a long record of violence and sexual abuse, headed a rural gang which shot, stabbed and mutilated couples making love in cars round Florence. The three alleged "Peeping Tom" gang members who went on trial yesterday for involvement in five of the eight double murders are Lotti; Giovanni Faggi, 77, a ceramic tile salesman with a penchant for sex toys; and Mario Vanni, 70, a retired postman from nearby San Casciano.

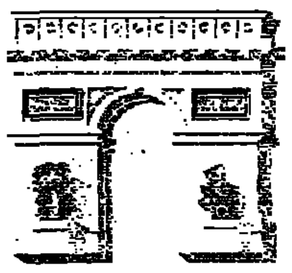
They face charges of multiple murder and membership of a "criminal association". All three looked nervous as proceedings opened, and an ambulance was on standby. Pacciani is to appear as a witness.

The suspects emerge from police accounts as a group of uneducated elderly men given to violence against women, boozy card-playing sessions and spying on couples.

Pacciani is obliged to remain in Mercatale, his home town, as a "socially dangerous character" and is kept under surveillance. He maintains his innocence. In 1951, he went to jail for 13 years for murdering a travelling salesman he caught "in an affectionate embrace" with his then girlfriend. He made her lie next to the corpse and raped her. He also beat his wife and was jailed between 1987 and 1991 for sexually abusing his two daughters. In the Florence killings a .22 Beretta was used, and the women had their left breasts cut off and genitals mutilated.

Chirac weighs up Juppé's virtues as rivals close in

From Ben Macintyre in Paris



FRENCH ELECTIONS

IN PUBLIC, the French Right is gearing up for the first round of parliamentary elections in four days' time. But a more discreet, and rather more intense, contest is already under way for the post of Prime Minister, based on the assumption that the centre-right coalition will win with a reduced majority.

Over the past few days Philippe Séguin, the parliamentary Speaker, has quietly manoeuvred himself into position as the leading contender, should President Chirac decide to drop Alain Juppé, the deeply unpopular Prime Minister.

On the other hand, M Chirac has dropped hints that he may stick with M Juppé. Scenting this, leading figures on the Right, many of whom have sniped at M Juppé for months, are beginning to rally round him.

François Léotard, leader of the Union for French Democracy (UDF), the Gaullists' coalition partners, has suggested that, if M Juppé leads the Right to victory, he will be retained by M Chirac, at least temporarily. "You should not demote the general on the evening of his triumph. It would appear incongruous," M Léotard said.

That view was echoed by a prominent Gaullist, Patrick Stefanini, who pointed out that, since the snap election had been called to reaffirm France's commitment to the single currency, keeping M Juppé in place until that process was achieved would make sense.

Before the last opinion polls were published at the weekend, M Séguin, a figure as outspoken and extrovert as M Juppé is not, emerged as the popular favourite for the premiership in the event of a right-wing victory. The parliamentary Speaker was a vigorous campaigner against the Maastricht treaty, but since the election campaign began he has adjusted his stance on Europe to the point where it is virtually identical to that of the Government.

M Chirac must weigh M Séguin's public popularity against his history of Euroscepticism and his taste for independent thought, and M Juppé's stolid defence of the single currency and utter dedication against the fact that he is the most detested Prime Minister since the war.

That decision may be taken between the first and second rounds. If the centre-right coalition looks wobbly after the first poll on Sunday, then letting it be known that M Chirac plans to drop M Juppé could provide a crucial boost to government support in the final round on June 1.

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, has condemned the rumours that M Juppé may be ousted as a "tactical and cynical" election ploy to fool voters into believing that he is a doomed man.

"If the Right wins the election, I am convinced that Alain Juppé will again be Prime Minister. That is extremely clear to me," M Jospin said on Monday. But what seems apparent to M Jospin may be far from clear to M Juppé.

Secular Turks face clean-shaven future

Abdul Hamid II: Turkish Sultan from 1876 to 1909

From Andrew Finkel in Istanbul

JUST four years ago more than three-quarters of Turkish men had one. You could always tell a real Turkish man by his moustache and you could also tell which type he was by the style of moustache he wore.

Now all that is changing. Fewer Turkish men than ever are cultivating facial hair and the practice is in steady decline. The number with moustaches is down to 62.8 per cent, according to a recent survey by Piar-Gallup, an Istanbul-based market research company.

This makes it more difficult to spot who believes in what. In the old days a bushy caterpillar above your lip indicated an aspiring left-wing intellectual. A drooping pencil-thin inverted U meant that you were an ultra-nationalist with violently right-wing views. Religious people and Muslim activists still wear what French intellectuals used to call *colliers* — a collar beard that extends from the sideburns to the chin where it is joined by the ubiquitous moustache.

The growing influence of Islam in Turkey is undoubtedly prompting a clean shaven look among the country's aggressively modern secularists. "It's only lazy people who don't shave. That goes for intellectual laziness as well," said Necati Dogru, economics correspondent for *Sabah* newspaper which strongly opposes the pro-Islamic Government. To demonstrate he opens a pro-government newspaper with pictures of columnists all sporting beards or moustaches.

Turkey's growing tourist industry has also been a boon to barbers. Many of the grand hotels now forbid their staff from wearing moustaches in an attempt to make them up to date. "Our waiters have to shave," said Rudolf van Nunen, who had to follow his own edict and remove his beard when he became executive chef at Istanbul's Swiss Hotel.

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Stretch and shine

As disco makes a comeback, all that glitters is once again fashionable. Metallic knits and stretchy dresses capture the look. Style Editor **Grace Bradberry** picks four of the best

Main picture: Knit vest, £95 by Kate Jones, 28 St Christophers Place, W1. Sequin trousers £125 at Joseph, 77 Fulham Road, London SW3

Above: Gold lace knit dress, £290 by Vivienne Westwood at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge

Left: Bead top, £110 by Whistles, 303 Brompton Road, London SW3. Hipsters, £99 by Joseph

Right: Tube dress, £360 by Gucci, 33 Old Bond Street, W1

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Summer of simplicity and insolence

JANE SHILLING GETS DRESSED

IN THE great squares and *grimy* thoroughfares of London, where no cuckoo calls, the first harbingers of summer are the office girls. Down the City Road they tittup, their legs beneath their skimpy sundresses streaked bright orange with Ambre Solaire. In St James's Park they lie supine on the grass like victims of a gas attack, their tiny cropped tops tucked up to make the most of the lunch-hour's sunbathing.

For those of us who must spend the balmy days from May to September locked in an air-conditioned office, the summer presents an intractable problem: what to wear to work when it is eighty in the shade.

There was a time when one would have had no difficulty in obtaining guidance. Postwar, the Editor of *Vogue* kept her readers well acquainted with the rules. No gentlewoman wears open-toed shoes in town. Gloves and stockings will be worn at all times. Also hats.

Life was simpler then. These days, summer means exposure of flesh. But how much is acceptable, and *whereabouts* (are bare legs in the office OK? What about a bare midriff?) is left to oneself and one's head of personnel. Even within companies, the limits can vary. I once worked in a glass box filled with pretty young women who dressed for work as though just off to a hard evening's clubbing. On summer afternoons we would notice a busy traffic of senior executives, hot and uncomfortable in their sweaty pinstripes, come down from the upper floors, where a staider sartorial policy prevailed, to gaze at the lightly clad denizens of the glass box.

Some years are more difficult than others. A good year tends to be one in which the designers have opted for a feminine version of a masculine look — the billowing riding skirts and creamy safari jackets worn by Meryl Streep in *Out of Africa* launched a wonderful couple of seasons in which sexiness could be achieved without the exposure of quantities of flesh. But there was never any chance that Kristen Scott-Thomas's enviable wardrobe in *The English Patient* might provide a look for this summer. By the time the film was released, the clothes were already in the shops.

What to wear to work when it's eighty in the shade

And *what* clothes. Stroll into any mid-range store and you will find no shortage of weeny halterneck shifts in swirly Pucci prints and transparent rose-printed georgette drapery — just the ticket for bending Kevin in the postroom to one's will, but possibly not the thing in which to convince an important client from the Gulf states of one's competence.

Of course, one can always fall back on the Office Lady look. Lurking apologetically on a back rail, one can usually find some little skirt and jacket. The problem with that is that pastels are big this summer — so you run a high risk of looking like a horribly aged version of Andy Pandy's little friend, Looby Loo.

The answer is probably to ignore fashion, and adopt the philosophy of Coco Chanel, who recommended dressing with "simplicity, and a certain insolence". What was good enough for Chanel is certainly good enough for the Head of Human Resources.

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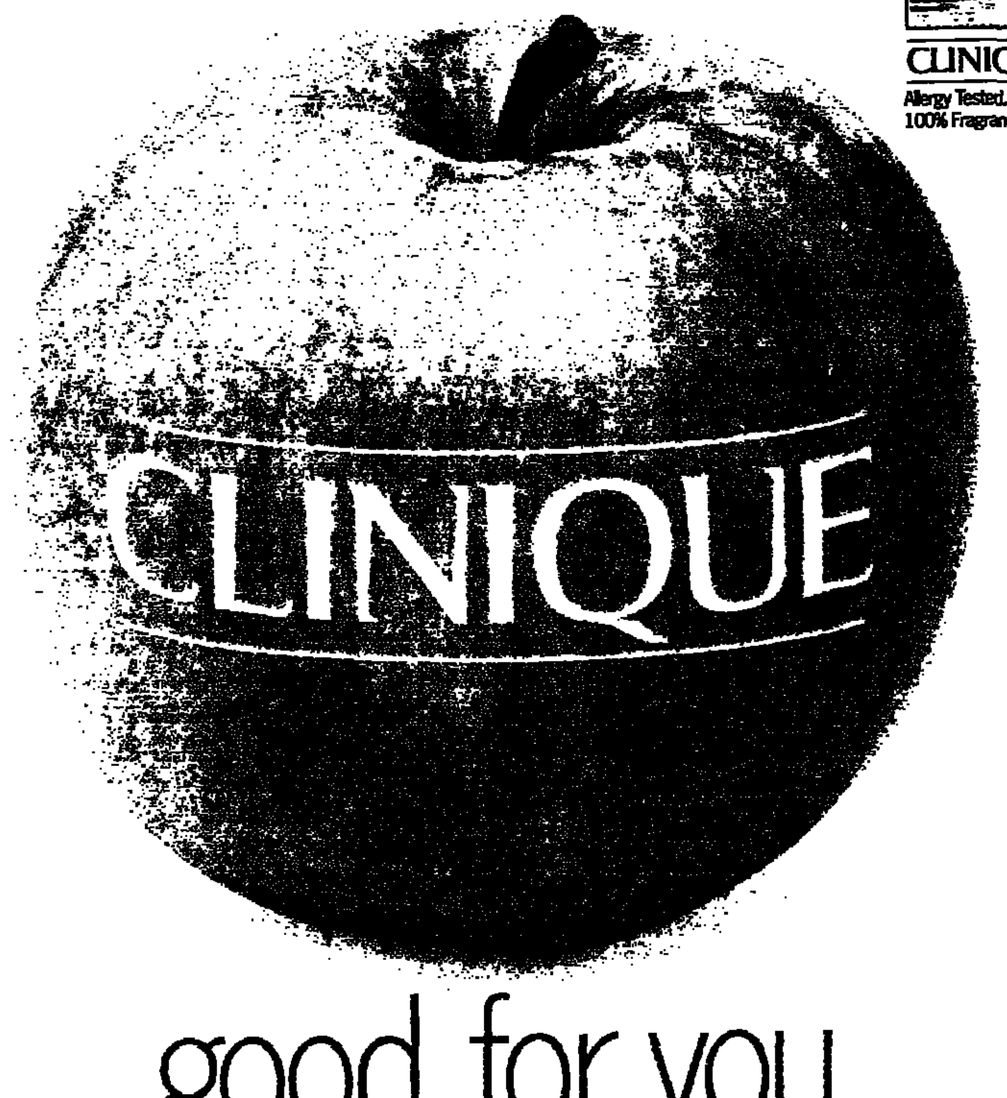

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Why can't TV entertain our children?

Teletubbies is for the amusement of toddlers, not their parents

Television always brings out the worst in people. Personally, I blame the viewers. In an uncultured age, the only way to show erudition, seriousness, an elevated sensibility appears to be to disparage anything that emanates from the TV, as if the disdain itself were a testament to intellectual credibility. But frankly, the palpably, pathetically untruthful I-never-watch-it-myself brigade gives a better indication of cerebral sogginess than any number of sofa-bound, soap-stupified telly addicts.

But if television brings out the worst in people just in the normal run of things, when it comes to their children, the adopted stance — lofty, querulous, intellectually insecure — becomes so pronounced, so entrenched as to become a parody. The fuss about the new BBC2 series *Teletubbies* has reached such a pitch that it seems as if parents think it is the duty of children's television to be teaching the under-fives the rudiments of quantum physics. The response isn't surprising: it is only natural that parents should want the best for their children, and no less surprising if the notion of what constitutes that "best" is misguidedly idealistic. No matter that the parents spend hours watching television for their own amusement: for their children, that's not good enough.

Nigella Lawson

Teletubbies is a brilliant conception, brilliantly executed. It can hold the attention of a ten-month-old and a three-year-old, and it does so by entering into the imaginative world of the child without relying on adult conventions as the conduit. There are enough of you who have never watched a minute's worth of *Teletubbies*, so I am not going to bore you with an analysis of it. Nor do I suggest you watch it to see whether you like it. You might well not. But then you're not two. And that's what the carpers fail to grasp: it is not a programme designed to appeal to parents, but to their children, and the very youngest ones at that.

There is indeed something garish and hallucinatory about the landscape of Teletubbieland, something very trip-like about the images: the rising sun with the baby's face in it, the vibrant glow of acid colours, the tilt of the too-green hillocks. It isn't surprising that it has become something of a cult among students, who apparently wear Teletubby T-shirts when they go out clubbing. But this can say nothing about the message of the programme itself. It seems curious to argue that because children like watching a programme it means it's no good. But of course, they must be "mesmerised", with all the nasty druggy implications that carries.

Parents, too, are coming over all regretful about *Playdays*, the programme that *Teletubbies* replaces. Now that was a nice educational programme with nice educational stories, that everyone could feel happy about their children watching. And that's the point. As Judy Rumbold says, parents feel they can allow themselves to sit down with a cup of coffee and a biscuit in front of the television, children plonked down with them, without feeling any guilt, if they can convince themselves the programme is educational.

All this is about guilt. And for once the guilt seems to be more pronounced among those women who stay at home. But maybe it isn't guilt so much as a sensitivity about the complaints levelled at them. Just as women who go out to work label as "guilt" the discomfort they feel when others criticise their actions, so women who don't go out to work feel "guilty" about plonking their children in front of the television, because they are particularly sensitive to the suggestion that they are not generating the intellectual stimulation provided by their business-suited *consoeurs*.

I think, anyway, that it is a mistake to make a distinction between a programme's ability to entertain and its educational content. Where the under-fives are concerned, I'd have thought they were vitally connected. Nor do I see the programme's repetitiveness as a negative point. Adults may well find it boring, but children love repetition and, crucially, learn from it. We all know that: so what's this gripe about?

The Teletubbies also speak a sort of baby gobbledegook, which has been much criticised, but I can't honestly say that watching Bill and Ben impeded my acquisition of language.

I don't know if the whiners are deliberately missing the point or if they just don't get it. But what is impressive about *Teletubbies* is that it shows rather a profound understanding of child psychology. What are parents expecting, or shouldn't I dare ask? We are talking about a programme directed at little more than infants; this is designedly pre-school, pre-nursery even, television. What is it with people that they feel they should, even if only figuratively, be shoving flashcards at their offspring all the time? I cannot think it helps children if every second is supposed to be geared towards a points-driven intellectual advancement.

No, *Teletubbies* won't teach them to read and no, it won't teach them to count — or to play the piano, speak French or pass grade IV ballet — but it is after all only a television programme. You can do the rest yourself.

RICHARD POHLE

Blowing the whistle: the lawyer representing, from left, Linette Cinelli, Deanna Caliendo and Kim Casper says "the sexual discrimination in this case is of unprecedented dimensions"

The rise of the Wow Girls

Wall Street rewards attractive girls with promotion, bonuses and exotic holidays in return for sexual favours. But those who refuse to play the game are fighting back, says **Barry Wigmore**

In the boisterous, bare-knuckle world of men which is the brokering industry on Wall Street, they are considered bimbos — attractive, short-skirted trophies, hired for looks rather than brain power to take the real workers' minds off the pressure-cooker atmosphere of making money. They are kept only as long as they will go to bed with the bosses.

They are the Wow Girls, a phrase coined, it is claimed, in one of many moments of brutal abuse on the trading floor of a New York investment company. Now the term has slipped into the lexicon of big business's most devious practices. Ethan Brecher, a New York lawyer specialising in discrimination cases, says: "Wow Girls is a generic term now — part of the folklore." And the women of America are on the march against it.

Yesterday, the powerful National Organisation for Women organised a picket outside the New York headquarters of Smith Barney, the brokerage company which heads its newly compiled hit list of companies alleged to discriminate against women, the "merchants of shame".

For their sexual favours, Wow Girls do well. In a $100 million lawsuit against the investment company Lew Lieberbaum & Co, which has just started its slow journey through the Manhattan judicial system, three women who refused to play the sex game claim that those who did were given bonuses, promotion, massive expense accounts, corporate credit cards, cash allowances, luxury apartments and exotic holidays.

But in return, say the three, they have to endure not only bedding the bosses, but a constant barrage of verbal and physical sexual abuse, being passed from one man to another, perhaps even one firm to another, before being dumped on the scrapheap.

"I have seen one girl become an alcoholic, and another commit suicide after being passed around and finally rejected," says Darlene Livingston, one of the few women to have fought the system and won. After four years in litigation, Darlene was awarded $162,000 compensation last December in a landmark arbitration case against the brokerage company she worked for, which is now called Smith Barney. Her action opened the floodgates of litigation against that company.

Now Kim Casper, 26, Deanna Caliendo, 21; and Linette Cinelli, 25, are following Darlene's trail-blazing route. But instead of taking their case to the industry-run arbitration panel — a classic case, they say, of the bad guys policing themselves — they are going for broke in a civil court. They are suing their former company and its nine top executives, including the chairman of the board and chief executive officer, for $10 million apiece in punitive damages in a sexual favours lawsuit which includes allegations of a whipped-cream fight between one of the bosses and his Wow Girl secretary behind a locked office door; of men unzipping their flies at every opportunity; of constant demands for sexual favours, and "playful" shouts of "sluts" and "filthy whores" as women made their journeys around the trading pit and a notorious area in the centre called The Quad, where four of the top men worked.

'One girl committed suicide after being passed around and rejected'

Darlene Livingston

There, Kim Casper alleges, she was regularly and loudly propositioned, to guffaws all round.

"This pit of infamy became a veritable gauntlet of terror through which the plaintiffs journeyed on a daily basis," alleges the suit.

The company had a policy of hiring women "solely to amuse the chief executive officers and brokers", it adds. "Because of their sexually attractive looks and bodies, they were known throughout the office as the Wow Girls."

One company has The Quad, another its Boom Boom Room in the basement. For Darlene Livingston, it is all horribly familiar. Darlene, who is in her 40s, attractive and well-educated with a psychology degree, says: "They didn't use the phrase Wow Girls in my time, but we had them. The men just took over and ran a harem.

This industry is one of the last bastions of male power. Decent, hard-working women are trying to crack it. But it *is* virtually impossible for them to get promotion."

The three who tried to breach the male bastion at Lew Lieberbaum, Kim, Deanna, and Linette, are young career women who say their only ambition was to do well at work. Deanna and Linette joined the company in November 1995 and resigned a year later alleging constructive dismissal because of sexual harassment. They say that one of the first things they were told after joining was that the best way to get on was to go out and buy short skirts.

At least twice, they were trying to work while senior executives brought lesbian strippers into the office for explicit shows in which some of the men took part.

Kim had worked for the company in 1990 and returned in 1992, but alleges things deteriorated as the sexual harassment escalated. She says she was sacked in 1995 for protesting about sex discrimination. "The sexual discrimination in this case is of unprecedented dimensions," says their lawyer, Lai Lee Chan.

But the Wow Girls accept it, says Darlene Livingston, who has become a figurehead in the campaign for equality. "The only way to progress in many companies is to sleep with the bosses," she says. "And women do sleep with them. For all the women who find this totally abhorrent, there are those happy to make money and seize the opportunity for promotion.

"If you refuse, they make things really rough on you. In my case, they spent their days torturing me and other women: they put condoms in one woman's drawer; they put a dead sparrow in my roast beef sandwich; I'd pick up the phone and they'd hook my number up to some sex line. It was a constant barrage.

"I thought if I ignored the abuse it would not harm me, but I didn't realise that the accumulation of it day after day was so wearing. I started to lose my confidence. I was older and I saw new bosses arrive and hire younger women. When one woman, who was not a licensed broker was hired, I asked the manager why. He said it was because of the sexual favours she bestowed.

"I watched as they passed her round. She wasn't bright enough to qualify as a broker, so after she had failed the test three or four times, they fired her. By then all the men had slept with her and she became an alcoholic. Another woman was passed around in the same way and then was fired. Two years later, unable to get another job, she killed herself.

"This is a small world. Everyone knows everyone else. The men in different companies go out for drinks and talk about the women. If they don't do as required they get blackballed."

Darlene, who is divorced, says she did not sleep with any of her bosses because she simply found them unappealing. She adds: "Even decent men got swept up in it. Some men didn't participate, but they all closed their eyes."

She now works in a different area of the brokerage industry, but says her victory has changed nothing."I went to a trading-floor party recently and it was all men. The few women there were very attractive, in short skirts, low-cut dresses, high heels. None had proper jobs. This has everything to do with the power of money. When the market is buzzing, you are under extreme pressure. Then there's a lull, the pressure's off, but for the men the testosterone is still flowing and the trouble starts. I am just grateful I survived."

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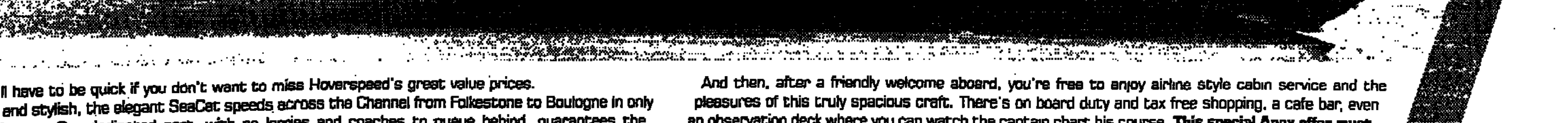

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Farewell, welfare: now what?

Robert Skidelsky wants private insurance to replace benefits

Reform of the welfare state will be a priority for the Labour Government. Last week the Prime Minister said bluntly: "We have reached the limits of the public's willingness to fund an unreformed welfare system." He has made Frank Field Minister of State for Welfare Reform in order to "think the unthinkable".

There are two main problems. The first is that it is unaffordable. Public spending on welfare has outstripped the capacity of governments to raise taxes to pay for it. The result is continuous budget deficits. The budget has been balanced in only four of the past 32 years, with deficits running between 3 and 9 per cent of gross domestic product. Many attribute the practice of deficit finance to "Keynesianism". In fact, it *is* caused by the continuous growth of public spending on welfare as a share of national income, through good times and bad. Ironically, the result has been to make Keynesian stabilisation policy almost impossible, by disabling fiscal policy and overburdening monetary policy.

But the economic effects do not end there. Ever since Adam Smith, economists have argued that taxes and public expenses should be held as low as possible so that the wealth of nations could grow as fast as possible. High taxes weaken entrepreneurial incentives; too much social protection weakens the incentives to work and self-improvement. Taxes and public spending in the order of 40-50 per cent of national income — the European Union range — are unprecedented in peacetime. Countries with fewer taxes on enterprise and effort create more jobs and grow faster.

The second problem with the welfare state is moral. This is Frank Field's central criticism. "Welfare provisions", he says, "affect people's behaviour and, thereby, their character." The possibility of getting "something for nothing" — even if it is not very much — sets up a conflict between self-interest and the good of others. Programmes designed to helppeople escape from poverty actually keep them poor, by making poverty manipulable. And the cost of keeping people poor is slowly bankrupting the State and the economy.

These two critiques of tax-financed welfare are linked by the notion of "moral hazard". This describes a situation in which a person can maximise his or her satisfaction at someone else's expense: that is, make others pay for the consequences of self-interested behaviour. It arises at all levels of society: a mother who drops out of work so that her child can qualify for an assisted place at an independent school is exploiting "the system" just as much as an unwed mother who "has babies on the State". Such behaviour may be rational in the short run, but it is neither economically efficient nor morally desirable.

The reform of the welfare state that all this suggests entails restoring a tight fit between contribution and benefit. I would advocate gradually converting National Insurance into a system of compulsory saving or private insurance for a range of contingencies (including retirement and long-term care). I differ from Mr Field's idea of a national insurance corporation only in that I would not make eployers' contributions compulsory. Pooling of risk — the chief argument for compulsion — does not require it.

An analogous reform in healthcare and education would be to introduce user charges. We know, or think we know, that the demand for these services rises faster than the national income. But there is no reason why rising expectations should be met from taxes, and one excellent reason why they should not: namely, that it restricts freedom and choice. In education in particular, our aim should be to maximise parental choice, not just for the sake of liberty but because choice is a powerful method of increasing standards. But effective choice requires individual payments, and therefore lower taxes.

The cost of nine million dependents is crippling

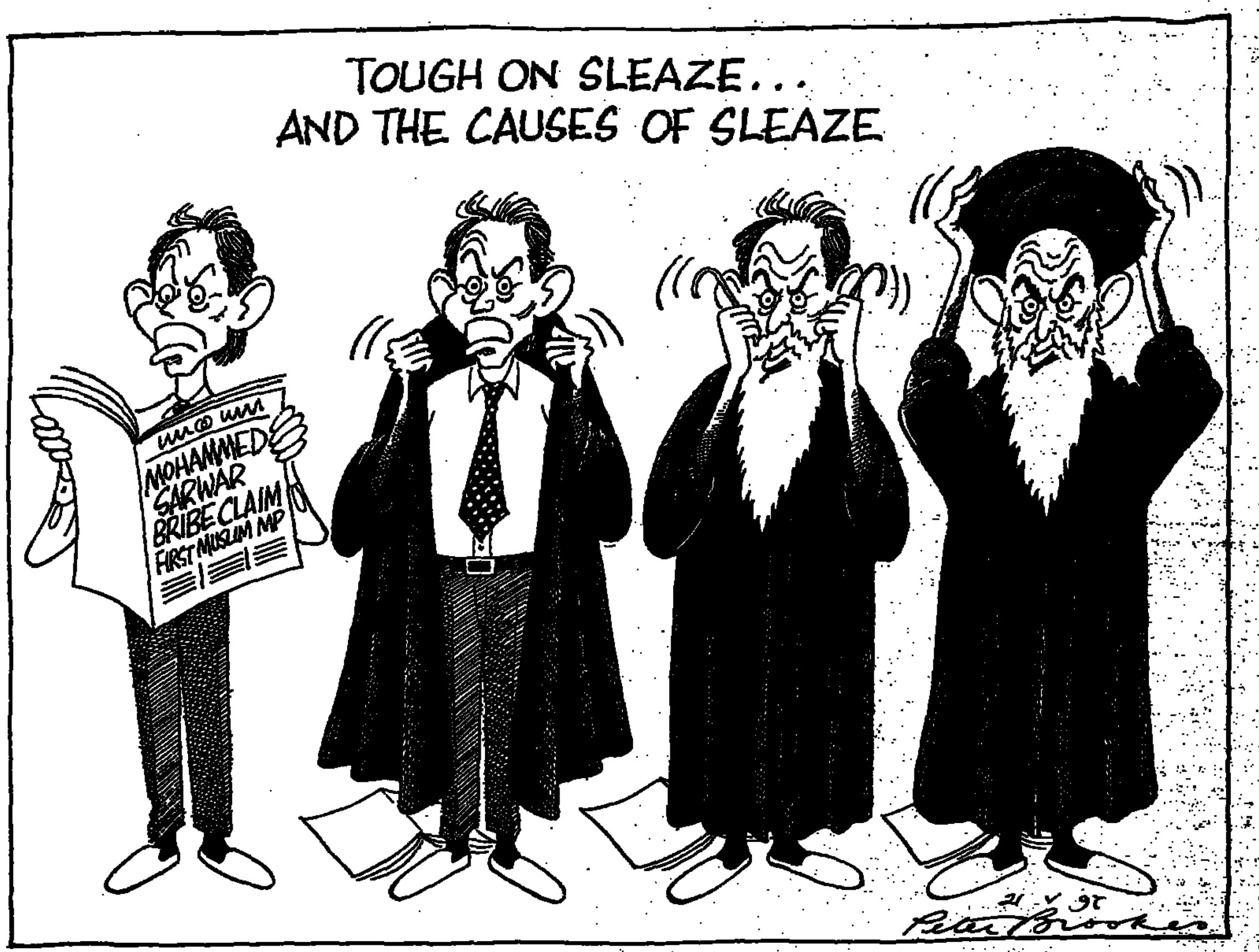
William Beveridge wanted to confine means-tested benefits to "cripples, the deformed . . . and moral weaklings". Today there are nine million people wholly or partly dependent on them. Shrinking this dependent population is the hardest task of all. Certain things are easy enough to do. The Government intends to offer 250,000 long-term unemployed young men jobs or training. If they refuse either, their benefit rights will be severely curtailed.

This is the right approach. Giving young working-class males jobs and skills which restore their self-respect will also make them more eligible as husbands — and thus do something to cap the explosion of lone-parent households, half of which live in poverty.

Dealing with "in work" benefits is much harder. This is the contemporary version of Speenhamland — the system of wage subsidies begun in Berkshire in 1795 to protect rural labourers from inflation, and finally abolished by the New Poor Law of 1834. It seems to me at least possible that they serve now, as they did then, to depress the wages of the lowest paid, by subsidising iefficient businesses with low productivity. What we need is an informed public debate on the rival merits of a minimum wage and wage subsidies as methods of relieving poverty.

No one should pretend that shrinking our hypertrophied welfare system will be easy. But a new Government is sure to release new ideas on all sides. It would be ironic if Tony Blair and Frank Field completed the reforms of Margaret Thatcher and Peter Lilley. But stranger things have happened.

Lord Skidelsky's booklet Beyond the Welfare State *is published this week by the Social Market Foundation.*



Monopoly game over

Windfall taxes are not new, and nor are they unfair — even for BT

Simon Jenkins

The remark may yet rank among the most expensive in business history. "I for one", said the British Telecom boss, Sir Iain Vallance, "would not have voted Labour — put this government into power — had BT been mentioned [for windfall tax] in the manifesto." That is clear then. Sir Iain, like many a past industrial baron, thought he had cut a political deal. BT gave Labour credibility in the City by offering to link every school to the Internet. In return, Sir Iain thought, Labour would exclude BT from its windfall tax. Star-struck, he voted for Tony Blair.

He appears to have blown the deal. Last night, Gordon Brown strangely avoided mentioning the windfall tax in his panoptic survey of the business scene. But whichever monopolies or quasi-monopolies he chooses to surtax in his summer Budget, he cannot exclude BT. Water, gas and electricity are lining up outside the headmaster's study with stiff upper lips. The utilities fat cats were not to be renationalised under Labour, but would have to endure six of the best. Wise culprits do not burst into tears in the queue, let alone blurt out "Please sir, I was jolly nice to you before the election". For BT now to be excused would look like sleaze.

Windfall profits are disagreeable things, until you have one of your own. Then they seem a bonus to a lifetime's risk and effort. If others feel envious, too bad. Life is full of unfairness. After privatisation the utilities bosses pocketed obscene pay rises in defiance of public opinion, corporate image or staff morale. They did so because suddenly there was no minister or civil servant to stop them. Their boards were in the same trough. As the storm burst over Cedric Brown and his ilk, they gave interviews on how distressing the publicity was for them and their families. None paid back any cash. Four things greater than all things are, as Kipling might say, money, money, money and money.

Now for the reckoning. Labour needs taxes and the utilities are an easy target. I sense that when Mr Blair's Government sees a glass jaw, it means to land its punch smack on. The utilities were cash-rich and politically unpopular. Why raise income tax when you can grab the equivalent of 5p on the basic rate from a rogues' gallery of options-fiddlers, water-wasters, river-drainers, train-cancellers, ozone-depleters and diggers-up of streets? Governing Britain on this basis, the Chancellor must think, is a cinch.

The only doubt is whether Mr Brown will seize £10 billion from the utilities or stick to £5 billion. Since the odium of the few will be far outstripped by the joy of the many, he may as well go for the higher figure. Of all the gaffes made by the Tories over the past 15 years, the failure to include any profits clawback from monopolies privatisation was the most inept. The National Audit Office said that already by 1990 £2.4 billion had been lost by undervaluations to promote the political return to privatisation. It was like government burning fivers in front of taxpayers.

The subsequent bonanza was due to the utilities shifting onto social security (that is, sacking) tens of thousands of workers whom they had strangely failed to sack before privatisation. The resulting profit was certainly genuine. Some capital might be considered "risk". But the industries had been mismanaged for decades by the same people as were now deriving huge gains from them. This was unfair. In cases such as Birmingham's water, a century of local investment in a first-class industry was stolen by the Treasury without compensation. I do not recall the business press — now yelling about "arbitrary confiscation" — calling attention to this outrage.

In 1981, when the Tories saw the banks making sudden profits as a result of government policy on interest rates, Geoffrey Howe surtaxed them. In the late 1980s, Nigel Lawson turned his attention to the utilities. His surtax was called a "negative external finance limit". Each year the gas and electricity corporations were told how much of their surplus to give to the Treasury. The industries howled that they could not plan on this uncertain basis. In 1984 a Commons select committee protested that the Treasury was windfall-taxing the industries. The Government told it to get lost.

Nor did the "windfall" concept die with privatisation. The regulators took over. Hardly a month passes without Ofgas or Ofwat or Offer leaping into the fray. In May last year the gas regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, traumatised her industry with a new price and investment regime. It included a *de facto* windfall tax. She peremptorily told a cash-sodden British Gas to give every consumer a pound a week bonus. Another regulator, Stephen Littlechild of electricity, said he felt he was a "proxy for competition" and transformed the financial structure of electricity distribution, "in response to widespread public concern" at excess profits.

These people are not regulators but unelected ministers. They shift cash from consumers to shareholders to government at will. Nobody dare admit their power, because that would amount to accepting that a privatised monopoly can never be truly "denationalised". It is a state subcontract. Mr Brown's windfall tax is in line of descent from Nigel Lawson's negative external finance limit and Clare Spottiswoode's cash handback. It is nothing new.

Spokesmen for the companies were this week complaining that such taxes damage investment, wreck forward planning and break contracts. They would say that. Yet the financial pages are filled with news of utilities frantically spending excess balances in advance of the tax. They are not investing. In most industries, investment is actually down from pre-privatisation levels. Instead, the companies are taking each other over, paying windfall dividends and giving money back to consumers. Scottish Power and Southern Electric are in a bidding war for Southern Water. National Power and PowerGen have handed out bonuses of £1.5 billion. Water companies are giving one-off rebates. If such windfall payments are on offer, what is wrong with a payment to those from whom these assets were untimely ripped, the taxpayers?

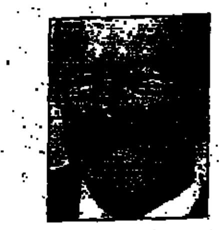
I suppose all tax changes are a breach of contract. Retrospection may be dangerous, and irritating for tidy minds. But from the moment that the monopoly utilities were sold without any profit clawback, a surtax was on the cards. While the Labour manifesto was silent on many things (including Bank of England independence), it was not silent on this. Windfall tax was shouted from the rooftops. Most companies have already set aside cash to cover it.

The companies that feel most offended are those crying "We're not monopolies", such as BT, British Airways, Railtrack and British Airports. They lay hand on heart and protest that they are as victimised by market forces as any North Circular metal-basher. Puny rivals such as Mercury and Virgin do not see things that way. They see cash stockpiled on the back of a historic market dominance. These are the "90 per cent" monopolies. If high profits can be said to result from monopoly exploitation, then tax is surely due. Whether this principle might be extended to the winners of lucrative state franchises, such as ITV companies or the National Lottery, is moot. Windfall taxing could become a habit.

The sale of state trading companies was sensible and simple. The sale of state monopolies was sensible but never simple. Efficiency and productivity in most of the industries has risen. Freedom from government ownership may be a cause, though efficiency has improved in the Post Office and rose in the old British Rail. What is plain is that for private monopolies to walk away with huge profits (even if corporation-taxed) is just not on. Politics will not stand for it. A windfall tax to recoup some of the value of the assets that were sold off cheap by a past Government is reasonable.

The Tory Government relinquished ownership of the state monopolies, but it did not relinquish control. Nicholas Ridley famously admitted that control would be easier after privatisation. So Labour has no need to renationalise. It can control the monopolies without ownership. A windfall tax is just one of many levers of that control. As for what Labour means to do with the extra revenue, we already know. Mr Brown will subsidise companies to hire back the workers they will be laying off because of his minimum wage. Some might think that crazy. But that is a different argument, for a different day.

Alan Coren



What did my Daddy do in the war? I'm not sure I want to find out

Here's a do. A Suffolk lady has written to tell me that I am the spitting image of my father — though I look, of course, much older. Yes, the "of course" will, of course, bother you, just as it has already bothered me in more ways than it could ever bother you, for why should she assume it to be only natural that I should look much older than my father? Because, of course, she last saw him when he was far younger than I was when she last saw me. That is why I am bothered in more ways than you.

When did she last see my father? In 1944. A mere 53 years before she last saw me, because she last saw me a week ago, on *Call My Bluff*, a little pension plan of mine with which BBC1 is cluttered each weekday at noon. She had not seen it before; normally, she confides, she watches Richard and Judy, whoever they are, but last Tuesday she inadvertently switched channels, and found herself watching my father, looking much older and (though she did not say it) being a silly arse. It did not take her long, mind, to twig that it was not my father, because, had it been my father, he would have looked even older than that. He would have looked 85.

Had, that is, he not died when he was 36.

My correspondent does not know that my father is dead. Indeed, the main reason she wrote to me at the BBC was to find out whether he was alive, because she lost contact with him in 1944, so one of the sad things I have to do is inform her that we all lost contact with him in 1988. At least, it will be if I write back: that is my dilemma, and it is compounded by the fact that even if he is no longer with us, she would, she hints, very much like to meet me. She would like that because she and my father were, she says, very close, once.

Do you, dear reader, feel a drift moving within catchable reach? It is 1942, and my father has just been stationed at RAF Stradishall, where Bomber Command has put him because Arthur Harris has decided that if he left my father at home with his wife and five-year-old son, things might swing Adolf's way. My father is 30. My correspondent (now 77) is 21. There is a war on. My father might not come back from it.

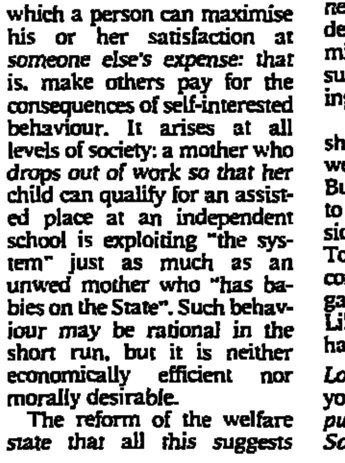
The question, posed for me in 1997 by this letter, is where, exactly, might he not have come back from? Germany or Suffolk? Though he did finally come back from both, it is nevertheless all rather unsettling, for just how close is very close? Were there, in short, times during those two years together when there was no daylight at all between my father and my correspondent? You will cry, oh grow up, your parents are now both dead after a life of devoted inseparability interrupted only briefly, half a century ago, how much can it matter if a little blissful advantage was taken of that interruption? You are mistaken in crying this, however, because that is not what bothers me. What bothers me is the thought that if I do write back, break the news that my old man is no longer with us, and am therefore invited irrefusably to meet her in his place, not only will it be very peculiar for both of us, it *is* bound to be singularly unsettling for her.

For I am doomed to tread on her dreams. I am the bald middle-aged civilian whom the dashing young airman would have deteriorated into had he opted for Suffolk. If I write back, I shall have to sit opposite her, nattering nervously while she toys with her scone and wonders sadly why she has kept that fading snapshot in some covert drawer, gazing at it now and then, down the long arches of the years. She will glance up at me, smiling wanly, as dreams of what might have been dissipate forever in the presence of what ineffably is.

Either that, or she will suddenly lash out with the serious handbag old ladies invariably carry and leave me measuring my length on the floorboards of Ye Olde Copper Kettle among the shards of shattered crockery. Because anyone can tell from her letter that my old man never once tried to get in touch with her after 1944, so there is more than an outside chance that she's been waiting 53 years to get her own back.

And so to court

ALAN CLARK, MP for Kensington and Chelsea, has issued a writ against London's *Evening Standard* in protest at a series of spoof Alan Clark diaries written in recent weeks by the journalist Peter Bradshaw. Apparently, his main concern is that Bradshaw's parodies are so accurate that people might think they were by the sage of Saltwood himself. The latest entry ends: "Later this afternoon, despite a stinking hangover, I sparkled in the House, demanding an end to little Blair's edict abolishing Prime Minister's Questions. I really was on tremendous form: and I even caught the eye of dear Claire, the young new Labour Member for Watford. Her rosebud lips pursed adorably and I'm certain I received the ghost of a coquettish smile! Steady, Clark . . !"


The real Alan Clark

A picture of Clark appears at the top of each of Bradshaw's parodies, but beneath it always says that the piece is how Bradshaw imagines Clark might record events. Nonetheless, the parodies ring remarkably true. Michael Winner, the film director, is said to have voted Labour because he thought the Bradshaw diaries, which he found so distasteful, were by Clark.

One explanation for Clark's writ has it that he was hoping to write diaries for another paper, but found that Bradshaw's were cramping his style.

Being so media-sensitive, Clark was not happy to discuss his latest trip to the lawyers (the appropriately named Bird & Bird). "Write what you like," he said before slamming down the telephone. Having charmed his way into his new seat, it seems loverboy is returning to his old ways.

DIARY

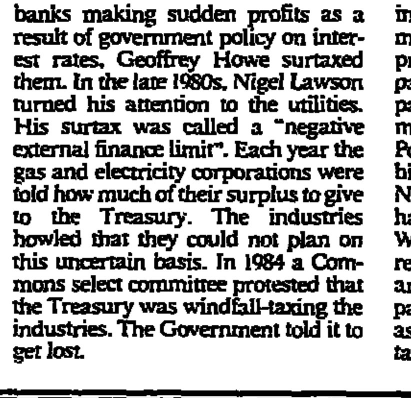
● *Black tie was the dress code for the Tate Gallery's centenary in London on Monday evening, so, naturally enough, Mark Fisher, the new arts minister, showed up in a lounge suit. When he was ribbed by other guests for adopting the Gordon Brown dress code, Fisher replied: "I wish it were a new Labour statement, but actually I just left my black tie in my constituency."*

Holy mistaken

EVANGELICAL Christians are planning an aggressive advertising campaign to reintroduce Christ into the millennium celebrations. They are the very lot who reduced the Archbishop of York to incandescent rage over Christmas by organising an ad for worship of the Almighty featuring three cartoon kings in earrings and sunglasses with the slogan: "Bad Hair Day?! You're a virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up."

"Who's birthday is the millennium anyway?" says Sue Primmer, a guitar-strumming member of the Churches' Advertising Network, which met at St George's House in Windsor Castle yesterday to plan its strategy. Worryingly for the C of E, she is set on "taking risks" with her campaign.

The Venerable George Austin — the Archdeacon of York and Anglicanism's modern Jeremiah — has already hoisted his King James ready to bring it down on the network's efforts: "You can't go around trying to convert people with these flash media campaigns — it's much more subtle than that."


"I was blocking the runway to stop Cantona leaving"

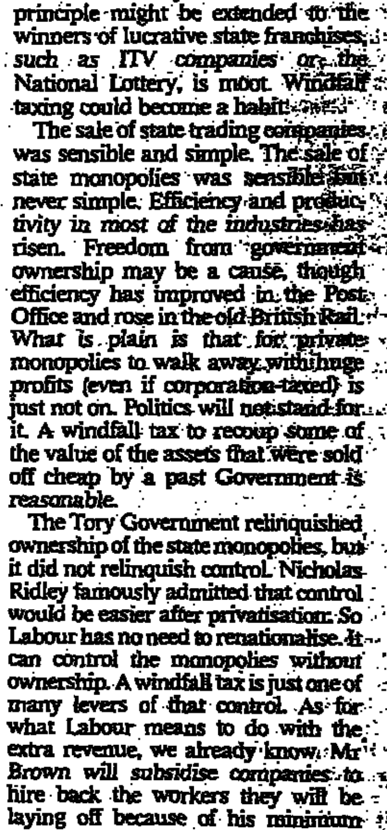
Still laughing

HIGH SPIRITS at yesterday's memorial service in London for the cartoonist Willie Rushton. When mourners — including Auberon Waugh, Peter O'Toole and Richard Ingrams — arrived at St Paul's, Covent Garden, they were handed a service card illustrated with one of the artist's own drawings: a tombstone bearing the simple inscription "R, discontinued". They were then regaled with jazz by Rushton's Kazoo Band, led by Humphrey Lyttelton.

"Willie didn't believe in grief," explained Auberon Waugh, an old friend. "If he saw us all crying he would have thought it rather disgusting."

Among roses

IF VISITORS to the rain-lashed Chelsea Flower Show yesterday spotted a willowy American female hiding behind dark glasses with the collar of her mackintosh pulled well up, it was the supermodel Linda Evangelista. After opening Yardley's garden on Monday, she confessed to a hitherto unimagined love of British gardens and said she was planning to return incognito for some tips. "I have tried to grow a British garden in LA and brought over 106 varieties of rose," she said. "But the gofers ate them all."


Linda: thorny problem

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ACT IN HASTE

The Chancellor may repent his rushed Cartesian schemes

For someone who claims to care only for "long-term policies" and "long-term prosperity", Gordon Brown acts like a young man in a hurry. Just five days after taking power Mr Brown announced "the biggest step in economic policymaking in Britain since the Second World War" at a hastily-summoned press conference ostensibly arranged to announce a quarter-point change in interest rates. Yesterday, in a Commons statement supposedly intended to explain why he made the rushed Bank of England announcement Mr Brown slipped in another sensational decision whose ramifications could be almost as large: the biggest shakeup in financial regulation ever attempted in any advanced capitalist country. Curiously enough this hugely important and contentious measure was not even mentioned in last week's Queen's Speech.

A Parliament with a Labour majority of 180 may in practice be no more sovereign than a parish council but it is still depressing to see the new Government taking such obvious pleasure in the impotence of the Opposition and the utter irrelevance of parliamentary debate. Even Mr Brown's formal apology to the Opposition for failing to give proper notice of his statement was delivered with evident glee.

A more substantial objection to the Chancellor's propensity for instant action is to be found in the old proverb about those who act in haste. Mr Brown may repent at leisure even if he turns out to be right about the general principles of central bank independence and unitary regulation for financial services. The trouble with instant decision-making behind the closed doors of Cabinet sub-committees is that even the wisest people can sometimes forget their human fallibility and their capacity to make mistakes. There was something quite frightening in the arrogance with which Mr Brown dismissed the achievements of the monetary arrangement he is now sweeping away. The *ad hoc* monthly meetings between the Governor and the Chancellor may lack the Cartesian neatness which appeals to the tidy mind of a central planner. But in their three years of operation, they seemed to serve the nation rather well. Mr Brown said these monetary arrangements were "too short-termist, encouraging short but unsustainable booms and higher inflation, followed inevitably by recession". But how could he be so sure? Does he intend to produce an "inevitable" recession just to prove he was right?

And why is Mr Brown so absolutely certain his "new and fully statutory system" of regulation will "put the public interest first and increase public confidence"? Is he unaware of the inherent tensions between flexibile financial markets and rigid statutory regulation? Has he not noticed that other financial centres have seen increasing merit in the British self-regulatory approach? Has it never occurred to him that there may be sound reasons why no other country has ever put banking supervision and consumer protection under one roof?

Such questions require detailed answers before the Government embarks on a great institutional experiment which could seriously damage Britain's biggest and most profitable industry, financial services. Like Bank independence, regulatory reform is a complex issue which would have merited a panoply of consultative documents, green papers and white papers before the Government felt confident enough to legislate. Why then has the Chancellor chosen to rush in? Perhaps because he fears that proper consultation would give opponents of his Cartesian blueprints the opportunity to marshal their forces and point out the flaws in some of his tidy-minded ideas.

CRACK THE WHIP

Labour should show leadership in the Sarwar case

A rod of iron was fashioned for Tony Blair before his election triumph. The Labour Party's disciplinary code, tailor-made for martinets, would not disgrace the Iron Duke's army. It has been used to subdue backbenchers tempted to speak their mind. Dissent, it has been made clear, could end political careers. It is a pity that men of principle such as Tam Dalyell have heard the whip crack in the night. It is, however, a graver pity that none of the weapons available to the Labour Party's disciplinarians have yet been directed towards Mohammed Sarwar, the new member for Glasgow Govan at the centre of corruption allegations. We argued on Monday that there was a strong case for suspending Mr Sarwar's membership of the Parliamentary Labour Party. That case seems unanswerable this morning.

Since allegations about the manner of Mr Sarwar's election surfaced in *The Scotsman* last week, and further charges were levelled against him in Sunday's *News of the World*, it has become clear that here is something amiss with the process that brought Mr Sarwar into Parliament. The number of voters, especially those of Asian origin, who registered late in Govan is curious. The variety of stories from ordinary voters which suggest sharp practice is deeply disturbing and the claims, by several candidates, of attempted bribery are profoundly unsettling. The assertion, by friends of Mr Sarwar, that moneys handed over were innocent loans does nothing to reassure observers. The unwillingness of Mr Sarwar or his lawyers to comment on the attempted exculpations of friends hardly inspires renewed trust.

Mr Sarwar undoubtedly has enemies who have sought to exploit his difficulties and the good faith of some of his accusers is questionable. His protestations of innocence are vigorous and underlined by writ. But the scale of the allegations is such that, as we have already argued, were he a public servant in another field he would be suspended until he was cleared. The House cannot, as matters stand, suspend him from membership, but the PLP can withdraw the Whip until he is exonerated. It is not good enough to leave investigations to the police. There may well be a criminal case to answer, but if the matter merits the attention of the Procurator-Fiscal then it also has a dimension which Labour cannot ignore.

The National Executive Committee must recognise that enough questions have already been raised about the conduct of the Govan election to demand an inquiry into the party organisation within that unhappy constituency to complement the police investigation. After the stains left by the unlamented Monklands local authority, and the recent accusation that Glasgow councillors traded votes for junkets, Labour in Scotland cannot afford to behave in a high-handed fashion towards sleaze allegations.

Mr Sarwar's allies have claimed that, as Britain's first Muslim MP, he is a victim of "Islamophobia". By using his faith to shield him from scrutiny they risk fanning the prejudice they fear. Just because some who are bigoted may delight in Mr Sarwar's discomfiture that is no reason to prevent a party investigation. It is shameful that Mr Sarwar is Britain's only Muslim MP, but it would be an even greater occasion of shame if he were to benefit from special treatment on that basis. If the honourable member for Glasgow Anniesland faced the accusations levelled at the member for Govan he would not expect to 'scape whipping. Labour has created high expectations among the electorate that it will be the scourge of sleaze. If the party fudges its treatment of Mr Sarwar it will have fallen at the first hurdle.

RING OF TRIUMPH

A little touch of Shakespeare at the Globe

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
Shakespeare made that sly in-house allusion
In 1599 for his new Globe.
In June the Globe Revived revives indeed,
With its reopening by our own Queen Bess,
On a rare visit to the London theatre.
Sam Wanamaker's magnificent obsession
Of 40 years takes off into th' unknown,
As daughter Zoe recounts on Arts, page 41.
And she herself will speak a pre-prologue
To the first night, once more, of Henry V:
An ambiguous play of England's finest hour
As played by Olivier; on the other hand,
As played by Branagh, an indictment of
Power politics and the savagery of war.
Such is the subtlety of Shakespeare's art
That any man can read there what he wants.
The story of the reconstructed Globe
W'd harrow up one's soul and freeze the blood.

It speaks of most disastrous obstacles
From left-wing bigots of nearby Southwark Council,
To insults by some little-England snobs
Who said no pushy Yank should claim *their* Globe.

O! for a Muse of fire to praise Sam's push.
He knew that Shakespeare is for everyone
Not just for kings and twittish literati.
For Henry also celebrates the pluck
Of common soldiers. Gower and Fluellen,
Macmorris and Jamy represent the unity
Of Britain under Henry, or new Labour,
(Forgetting that daft plan for devolution).
The replica of Shakespeare's wooden O,
Opened in 1599 with *As You Like It*,
Has been rebuilt as Authentick as men can,
With Norfolk reed and knotty Windsor oak.
From tiring house to penthouse brave with flags.
And now the play's the thing. And Henry V
Will be as it was played originally
Wi'the female parts, from queen to courtesan,
Acted by beardless boys. It is a play
Where this is possible for Princess Kate;
Though Mistress Quickly, hostess of Eastcheap,
Will take some acting by a clever boy,
With her poignant line at Falstaff's death
Amended to " a' babbled of green fields",
Which never fails to bring tears to the eyes.
Groundlings in the pit will be encouraged
To chew nuts and barrack like their fathers,
But not to throw things. For Elizabethan
Authenticity can sometimes go too far.
Some things we manage better now. The Bard
Was not a crusty. He also loved the new.
So welcome back to Bankside New Old Globe:
South Bank school for pupils at their As,
Magnet for tourists on the heritage trail,
And all who thrill to England's finest art:
A little touch of Shakespeare at the Globe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Responsibility to asylum-seekers

From Mr Charles Raws

Sir, We learn (report, May 16, later editions) that Liverpool City Council is to house at least 128 asylum-seekers who are the responsibility of Westminster Council because Liverpool happens to have empty hostel accommodation, which will cost Westminster less than current rates in the capital.

A triumph of free-market economics or a return to shuffling the undeserving poor from parish to parish as in the days of the first Elizabeth? Certainly better than locking them up in detention centres, but hardly an adequate fulfilment of our responsibilities under the UN convention on refugees.

Surely such vulnerable and rootless people, often suffering trauma from their experiences in their home countries and already treated as undesirable parasites by our last Government, deserve better than to be shunted round our country as the objects of bargain deals between local authorities.

Whatever became of Britain's proud tradition as a haven for the oppressed and a guardian of civilised values?

Yours etc,
CHAS RAWS (Co-ordinator,
Support for Asylum-seekers,
Merseyside and Region Churches),
Friends' Meeting House,
65 Paradise Street, Liverpool.
May 16.

Sinn Fein MPs

From Mr James M. Todd

Sir, What would happen if the Scots or the Welsh were to form a republican party and a member were elected MP? Could he or she be expected to swear allegiance to the Queen?

The treatment of the Sinn Fein members (letters, May 16; report, May 20), no matter how much we may approve of it, is surely undemocratic. If this is new Labour's idea of promoting harmony in Ulster, God help Ulster.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES TODD,
Misbourne Farmhouse,
Amersham Road,
Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.
May 20.

From Mr P. T. Streeter

Sir, The Sinn Fein MPs have been democratically elected as republicans. Logically therefore they cannot swear an oath to the Queen and so are disbarred from Commons debates and thus not currently able to seek, with others, a settlement in Ireland. Should not the hurdle of the oath be reconstructed to encourage jaw-jaw in place of war-war.

Yours,
P. T. STREETER,
Watermans End Cottage,
Matching Green, Harlow, Essex.
May 20.

Improving the NHS

From Professor Michael Rosen

Sir, Mr John Pantall (letter, May 6) argues that the effectiveness of centralised hospitals is unproven. They are certainly unpopular with the public, who want local hospitals. I suggest that the dilemma could be resolved by recognising the differing requirements for many of the emergency and elective services.

The times taken to definitively treat emergency patients are highly uneven in the UK, largely as a result of multiple sites, inadequate staffing and poor organisation — a disparity which will be compounded by the reduction in working hours of trainee doctors, by shorter periods of postgraduate study and by the substantial increase in emergency admissions. On the other hand, sufficient numbers of senior and junior staff on call, with access to up-to-date facilities, can only be provided on fewer sites.

The answer lies, I believe, in the provision of most elective services, including surgery and minor casualties, in smaller hospitals situated in the community. Such an outcome, which would require a speeded-up and improved Private Finance Initiative, would reassure patients that their treatment will not be delayed and that maximum transfer times are guaranteed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ROSEN,
45 Hollybush Road, Cardiff.

Labour and hospitals

From Mr Simon Carter

Sir, The new Labour Government has called for another review of hospital provision in London (report, May 9).

Why delay moving hospitals, with their traditional names, to functional buildings which are more efficient and cheaper to maintain? Those who wish to preserve ancient buildings like Barts should apply for lottery funding.

Health service funds should be spent on caring for old people and not old buildings.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON CARTER,
71 Mark Hall Moors,
Harlow, Essex.
May 11.

Tobacco and sponsorship of sport

From Mr Jim Trimmer

Sir, Whatever the purpose of any specific advertising or sponsorship activity may be, its main effect is to reinforce the pro-smoking message (reports and letter, May 20) — that cigarettes are an integral and inescapable part of adult life.

Of course the darts, snooker and motor racing that we see on television are adult activities: that is precisely what makes them attractive to adolescents. Associating them with smoking is a powerful aid to the recruitment of the 350 under-15s the industry needs every day to maintain the current market size.

If sponsorship makes marketing sense then there should be no shortage of potential replacements from Frank Dobson's "more benign sources". There can be no justification for allowing sport to lend respectability to a lethal addiction.

Yours faithfully,
JIM TRIMMER,
Travellers Chambers,
Ludlow Street, Penarth, Cardiff.
May 20.

From Mr Stephen Woodward

Sir, Replacing tobacco company sponsorship of sport is not nearly as difficult as the doomsayers would pretend. While it is true that in some states of Australia a small tax increase of about 5p per pack helped to replace some sponsorships, several sports have successfully gone "cold turkey". In New South Wales and Queensland, representing more than half of Australia's population, no replacement sponsorship from tobacco taxes has occurred.

Rugby League, formerly sponsored by Rothmans, is the dominant sport in these states. The competition to replace Rothmans was so fierce, with vast sums of money pouring into the sport, that two rival leagues have now been created, each sponsored by pay-tv/telephone company interests.

Similarly, Benson and Hedges had a stranglehold on Australian cricket and this has been replaced without problem with newcomers Ansett Airlines and American Express.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN WOODWARD
(Director),
Protocol Management Group,
1st Floor, 52 Latrobe Street,
Melbourne, Victoria 3000.
May 20.

From Mrs Janet Fitch

Sir, In 1908 the Wills family made an initial endowment of £100,000 to the University of Bristol. Since then hundreds of thousands of university students have benefited from a family whose fortunes originated through tobacco. Surely students living at the Wills Hall of Residence are not consciously reminded of tobacco but are grateful for their education, especially in the sciences.

Yours sincerely,
JANET FITCH,
The Manor House,
Cleverton, Wiltshire.

From Mr James Sandys Fuller

Sir, Why, if tobacco kills 120,000 people each year, as Frank Dobson says, is the Government only banning advertising?

Guns kill very few yet the ghastly films which promote violent behaviour are not banned — only the guns. Could it be loss of revenue that worries the Government?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES SANDYS FULLER,
Eridge, Church Road,
Hoath, Canterbury, Kent.
May 20.

Opera House prices

From Mrs Barbara Oatey

Sir, If Mr Raymond Gubbay (letter, May 15) bothered to lift his eyes to the Royal Opera House amphitheatre, he would find it crammed full of people who pay for their own seats, at usually well below a third of the "£150 or more" he mentions, to enjoy what are undoubtedly world-class performances. If he went round to the amphitheatre entrance in Floral Street he would be faced with a very long staircase with no access for disabled people.

The assumption which seems to be widely held that only the well-off go to the Royal Opera House is absolutely infuriating. My husband, who is retired, and I choose to be regular subscribers at the expense of not a few other "luxuries". We are not alone. The "amph" crowd are there because they love it.

If the price should rise as Mr Gubbay proposes, we and others like us will either have to cut down on our attendances or give it up altogether. Then the Royal Opera House truly would be for the "fatter cats".

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA OATEY,
Green Gates,
Terrace Road North,
Binfield, Berkshire.
May 16.

From Mr Denys Hodson

Sir, I should like to respect the views of Mr Raymond Gubbay, whose contribution to the musical life of London is outstanding. However, for anyone who knows and has worked with either of them, as I have, the idea that Lord Chadlington would offer Mary Allen a job as a gofer, or that she would accept it, exceeds in its wild improbability the goofiest of opera plots.

Yours faithfully,
DENYS HODSON,
Manor Farm House,
Fairford, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Andrew Hamilton

Sir, As a regular operagoer for over 25 years I have recently received a circular letter from Mrs Vivien Duffield on behalf of the Royal Opera House inviting me to contribute towards their £200 million development scheme. I have replied that I have no intention of paying money to an institution that has incurred over £25 million of fees even before building work started, and which proposes the architectural desecration of Russell Street and Bow Street.

If heads are to roll, they should start at the top.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW HAMILTON,
8 Carlyle Square, SW3.
May 16.

Art of cookery

From Mrs Jean Drummond

Sir, Nigella Lawson argues that "it is not the children who should be packed off to cookery lessons but in most cases the parents" ("More half-baked ideas on home economics", May 14).

I agree; but, had the parents received cookery lessons, domestic science and home economics in school they would now be in a better position to teach their children how to cook.

How does Ms Lawson suggest we break this cycle?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN DRUMMOND
(Home economics teacher),
41 Southlands Grove, Bickley, Kent.
May 14.

From the Chairman of the RSA

Sir, The RSA lecture to which Nigella Lawson refers was given by Matthew Fort and Suzi Leather, not by me.

True, as chairman of the RSA I have done some spouting-off on the subject of cooking in schools, but I have always maintained that the domestic science of years ago wasn't good; and when I suggest that children could "learn to make pasta" I don't mean boil the ready-made stuff but making it from scratch. Indeed, at the RSA event Anton Edelmann from the Savoy taught 30 Camden nine-year-olds to make, roll and cut tagliatelli, just as Albert Roux taught them how to make bread.

The whole point of the RSA evening was to discuss with teachers, parents and chefs how best to tackle the problem that Nigella Lawson highlights — that parents who can't cook cannot teach their children.

Yours sincerely,
PRUE LEITH,
Chairman, RSA (Royal
Society for the encouragement
of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce),
8 John Adam Street, WC2.
May 14.

Tax 'terrorism'

From Mr Roger Palmer

Sir, The Plain English Campaign's complaint over the letter sent by the Inland Revenue about a tax payment which was three months overdue seems misconceived (report, May 15). The letter is perfectly comprehensible and sets out the taxpayer's position clearly. It is polite and comes over as emotionally neutral. To suggest that it is trying to "frighten small business-people" and to speak of "tax terrorism" is absurd.

Must everything — even chasing overdue payments — now be couched in the language of the kindergarten, expressed in a concerned, "caring" way? Those whose accounts are far less than three months overdue receive considerably stronger letters from this company.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER PALMER,
Roger Palmer Limited,
18 Maddox Street, W1.

Making a meal of it

From Mr Clive R. Baxter

Sir, I recently flew British Airways to Washington. On checking in I was told that, because of a catering dispute, no food would be available on the flight.

On the return trip, I arrived at the airport much earlier than planned, so I asked if I could take the earlier flight. Well, I was told, there are seats available but unfortunately there isn't time to load an extra meal. No problem, I said, I would fly without one again. Sorry, came the reply, it is not British Airways policy to fly passengers without meals.

I then had a five-hour wait for what turned out to be an otherwise excellent flight to ponder the logic behind this conundrum.

Yours etc,
C. R. BAXTER,
3 Compton Drive,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
May 19.

The 're-branding' of Great Britain

From Mr D. Moseley

Sir, The proposal by the image consultancy, Wolff Olins (report, May 19), to "re-brand" Great Britain with a modern national flag and national anthem demonstrates to me that their research was conducted only in this country, and that their views of what people in other countries think of us are 20 years behind reality.

We conduct much research around the world, often for major British companies that are concerned with their reputation overseas. The perception of Britain as a country of late deliveries and poor industrial relations has long since disappeared.

The most desirable aspect of "Britishness" abroad is tradition: making things with skill and care. This sense of tradition, apart from being a major tourist appeal, benefits many branded British exports. Britishness can also be modern: witness the success of British fashion and pop music. It is when it tries to be trendy, brash and superficial, as in the proposed new design for the flag, that it brings to the fore less desirable aspects of Britain's identity.

Yours sincerely,
DOMINIC MOSELEY,
Moseley Consulting Limited,
120 Wilton Road, SW1.
May 19.

From Mr D. R. C. Engleheart

Sir, "Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks." Fit for Saddam Hussein: apt for "image consultancy" and others for whom the cap fits

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ENGLEHEART
Kinlet Hall, Bewdley, Worcestershire.
May 19.

From Mr Conroy L. Bascomb

Sir, The sight of Wolff Olins's new British tricolour suggests to me that, anticipating devolution, we should stay with the plain red cross for England and St George. Hopefully the others will bear their own crosses.

Yours etc,
CONROY L. BASCOMB,
31 Bramble Walk,
Lymington, Hampshire.
May 19.

Too close for comfort

From Mr Martin Steibelt

Sir, Your correspondents, speculating on their likely companions should they win BT's "Friends and Family" holiday competition (May 13), all take false comfort from considering only the "friends" they have chosen. The odds are actually much greater that they will be invited to share the winnings of someone else, over whose nomination of friends, or desirability of sharing a holiday with, they have no control.

Yours in trepidation,
MARTIN STEIBELT,
Overmeads,
Southfields, Speldhurst, Kent.
May 13.

From Mr James Bauld

Sir, I recently received an invitation to join BT's "Friends and Family" scheme which listed the ten most frequently dialled numbers from my home.

The first four numbers consisted of the usual suspects — viz, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, close friend and my office. The fifth was my local Chinese takeaway (home delivery service). If I win the prize draw, may I invite the entire staff?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BAULD,
12 Kingshill Drive,
Kings Park, Glasgow.
May 14.

From Mrs Hazel M. Beringer

Sir, My friend was selected to be the recipient of BT's first "Holiday of a Lifetime" in Mexico. As one of her ten most frequently used telephone numbers, I was invited to accompany her.

We duly met up with the other "numbers". On being introduced to an attractive young lady in her thirties, imagine my surprise, when she suddenly announced: "You were my form tutor when I was in 2C". As my brain went into overdrive, she added, quick as a flash: "It wasn't me, you know — it was the other girl."

Thanks BT! (By the way we had a great reunion and a marvellous time in Mexico.)

Yours faithfully,
HAZEL M. BERINGER,
25 Cooling Road,
High Halstow, Rochester, Kent.
May 13.

From Mr Peter Bicknell

Sir, My BT "Friends and Family" dream holiday will, it seems, include the girlfriend of a young man my daughter brought down for the weekend.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BICKNELL,
Upperfold House,
Thorncombe, nr Chard, Somerset.
May 14.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 20: His Excellency Mr Mats Bergquist was received in audience by The Queen and presented the *Letters of Recall* of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Kingdom of Sweden to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Bergquist was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was received in audience by The Queen.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.40pm. There were present: the Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP (President), the Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP (Secretary of State for Social Security), the Rt Hon John Gilbert MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence), and the Rt Hon Nicholas Brown MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury).

Mr Thomas Clarke MP, Mr Frank Field MP, Mr Andrew Hardie MP, Mr Michael Meacher MP and Mr Andrew Smith MP were sworn in as *Members of Her Majesty's Most* Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron-in-Chief, Victory (Services) Association Limited, this afternoon attended a *Luncheon at the* Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2.

His Royal Highness, Grand President, later chaired a Council Meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening gave a Dinner for the Founder Members of *Charter for Business at Buckingham* Palace.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

May 20: The Duke of York this morning visited the United *Kingdom* Permanent Mission to the United Nations and was received by Her *Majesty's Ambassador to the United* Nations (His Excellency Sir John Weston).

His Royal Highness departed New York for London this evening.

May 20: The Princess Royal this morning opened "The Princess Royal Distribution Centre" for the Royal Mail at Stonebridge Park, Willesden, London NW10.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a Reception for Charitable Trusts at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

The Princess Royal this evening opened the exhibition "In Royal Fashion: the Clothing of Princess Charlotte of Wales and Queen Victoria 1796-1901" at the Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 20: The Prince of Wales this morning held a Meeting and Luncheon with past delegates of the Business and the Environment Programme.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Chindits Old Comrades' Association, this afternoon held a Reception.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President, St John Ambulance, today visited the Orders of St John Trust in Lincolnshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley).

Her Royal Highness visited Beckside, the Trust's residential care home *in Middle Street, North* Hykeham.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon subsequently visited Wellingore Hall, Wellingore, the headquarters of the Trust, and was entertained to Luncheon.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Digby Court, the Trust's residential care home in Christopher's Lane, Bourne, and opened the Margaret Hurst Day Centre.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Senior Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, will attend the opening *session of the 12th Council of* Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences Convocation at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edinburgh, at 8.45am. Later, as Honorary Cormorant, will visit the Joint Service Defence College, Greenwich, at 4.00; and will visit the Docklands Equestrian Centre, 2 Claps Gate Lane, Beckton, London E6, at 7.00.

The Duke of York, as Patron, will visit BAe Brough in the East Riding of Yorkshire to mark the transfer to *the Swordfish Heritage Trust of a* restored Seafury aircraft by British Aerospace at 11.55. Later, he will attend a dinner given by the Conquistadores del Cielo Aviation Society at Edinburgh Castle at 8.00.

The Princess Royal, as President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the annual meeting and luncheon at The Landmark London, 222 Marylebone Road, London NW1 at 11.30; as President, WRNS Benevolent Trust, will attend the annual meeting at Victory Services *Club, at 2.45; and as Patron,* British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a dinner on the final night of the four-day World Conference of Senior Executive Services at Hampton Court Palace at 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the MRI Unit at Edith Cavell Hospital at 10.05; will open new buildings at Walton Comprehensive School, Mountsteven Avenue, Peterborough at 11.15; will visit the Farmland Museum, Waterbeach, Cambridge at 1.30; *as Commissioner, English Heritage,* will visit Denny Abbey, at 1.56; will visit the Emmaus Community, Landbeach, at 2.20; and will open the Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre and the Neuro Critical Care unit at Addenbrooke's NHS Trust, at 3.15.

The Duke of Kent will visit Elstree School, Woolhampton, Reading at noon; and as vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will host a reception to mark the retirement of Sir Brian Pearse, chairman of the Committee of South Africa Trade, at *the St James Hotel, London SW1, at* 6.15.

Princess Alexandra will open the Bath Street site of Arnold and Carlton College in Nottingham at 2.15; and as vice president, will open the new headquarters of the Nottinghamshire branch *of the British Red Cross in* Great Freeman Street, Nottingham at 3.20.

High Sheriff of Greater London

The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Lord Rix, and Lady Rix, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Sheriff's Breakfast given by Mr William Harrison, High Sheriff of Greater London, at the Savoy *yesterday. Among those present* were:

Mrs William Harrison, Lord Justice Auld, Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Wright, Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Lord Falconer of Thoroton, QC, Mr John Corbet-Singleton, Sir Thomas Legg, QC, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, MP, Mr Peter Harris, Mr A.J. Hammond, Mr Michael Huebner, Judge Fabyan Evans, Judge Jonathan Van der Werff, Judge Andrew Brooks, Judge Leo Charles, QC, Judge Frank White, Mr Graham Clarke, Mr Joseph Mullens, Mr Michael Sheldrake, Mr John Harding, Mr John Walters, Mr Robert Owen, QC, Mr Peter Badge, Mr Douglas Robertson, Sir *Cyril Taylor, Mr Roger Bramble, Sir* Godfrey Taylor, Mr and Mrs Graham Hearne, Sir Peter and Lady Middleton, Sir Nigel and Lady Rudd, Mr and Mrs M.E. Brown, Master John Dyson, *Master David Prebble, Mr Gerald* Angel, Master Michael McKenzie, QC, Mr J.D.R. Adams, Master Denzil Lush, Master P.T. Hurst, Group Captain John Constable, Mr George Gordon-Smith, Mr *Robert Clark, Mr Graham Addicott, Mr* Stuart Wharton, Mr Alastair Clegg, Mr Robin Atkins, Mr and Mrs Peter Barton, Mr and Mrs Anthony Craven Walker, Mr John Devaney, Miss Caroline Innes, Mrs *Bernard Gillinsky, Mr and Mrs Martyn* Goodman, Mrs C.F. Hinman, Mrs Karen Morgan, Mr Philip Gordon-Smith, Mrs Claire Sandbrook and the Under Sheriff and Mrs John Hargrove.

Chelsea Flower Show

Latin look inspires winning garden

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

MANY of the gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show reflect overseas gardening and indeed the best garden award has been won by *The Daily Telegraph for its* Latin garden, sponsored by American Express.

The designer of this modern garden of *simple,* clean stonework and glass, Christopher Bradley-Hole, was inspired by the poetry of antiquity and the life of the Roman poet Virgil. His garden shows how the classical world can influence modern garden design.

A garden which would be most at home in a Mediterranean setting, the plants express the spirit of the classical lands of this part of the world and include vines, fragrant herbs, irises, lemon trees, stone pines and Italian cypresses. The comparatively new idea of naturalistic meadow-style planting in parts of the garden includes aquilegias, alliums, globe artichokes, geraniums *and irises.*

BSkyB, of Isleworth, Middlesex, has created a garden typical of the Provence region of France. House walls in strong terracotta colour provide a background for a moody purple planting scheme which includes irises, alliums and lavenders.

A traditional Indian Mughal garden from the Maharaja of Jodhpur celebrates the 50th anniversary of Indian independence and launches a restoration programme for the original Mughal gardens in the state of Kashmir. A tented pavilion is the focal point and the formal planting includes traditional white roses, blue Siberian irises and Italian cypresses.

The Yves Saint Laurent Parfums garden, designed by New York-based garden designer Madison Cox, captures the atmosphere of the French couturier's Moroccan garden, the Jardin Majorelle. The exotic plant collection has a backdrop of vivid cobalt blue garden structures.

There are plenty of English gardens, includ*ing the Country Life/*Hiscox Insurance garden which celebrates the centenary of the magazine. The grounds of a fine old country house provide the imagined setting and the gardening styles adopted are traditional mixed borders, informal dry gravel plantings and a superb wild-flower meadow.

The garden for dry seasons, supposedly set in the South of England, created by *The Mirror,* shows a range of drought-resistant plants, many of Mediterranean origin; and the Cotswold garden from Wyevale Garden Centres, of Hereford, is constructed of mellow Cotswold stone and planted with herbaceous, woodland and waterside plants.

The best courtyard garden is a cool moist "oasis" created by the Chedworth Horticultural Society, of Lower Chedworth, Gloucestershire. A wall-mounted basin overflows into a pebble-lined pool surrounded with moisture- and shade-loving plants such as hostas, primulas, ferns and dicentras.

Gold medals

Gardens
BSkyB, of Isleworth, Middlesex (a garden in Provence); *Country Life*/Hiscox Insurance, of London (a centenary garden); *The Daily Telegraph,* of London (Latin garden); *Evening Standard,* of London (a classical garden); Roger Platts Garden Design and Nurseries, of Edenbridge, Kent (a water-spout garden); Preferred Direct Insurance, of Camberley, Surrey *(a Victorian garden).*

Great marquee exhibits
African Violet Centre, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk (saintpaulias); Allwood Bros, of Hassocks, West Sussex (carnations and pinks); Alpine Garden Society, of Pershore, Hereford and Worcester (rock plants); Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex (bulbs); David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, West Midlands (roses); Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook, Somerset (bulbs and woodland plants).

Steven Bailey, of Sway, Hampshire (carnations, pinks and alstroemerias); Blackmore & Langdon, of Pensford, Bristol (begonias and delphiniums); Bloms Bulbs, of Melchbourne, Bedfordshire (tulips); *Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall* (trees, shrubs and ornamental plants); Burnham Nurseries, of Newton Abbot, Devon (orchids).

Carnivorous Plant Society, of West Thurrock, Essex (carnivorous plants); Cheshire Herbs, of Tarporley, *Cheshire (herbs).*

Dibleys, of Ruthin, North wales (streptocarpus).

Enshu School of Ikebana, of East Horsley, Surrey (Ikebana floral arrangements); Raymond Evison, of St Sampson, Guernsey *(Clematis "Blue Moon" Evirin).* *Federation of British Bonsai Societies, of Brighton,* East Sussex (Bonsai); Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Stokesley, Cleveland (pelargoniums).

Glenedd Violets, of Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire (saintpaulias); Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk (hostas).

Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, of Whitchurch, Hampshire (herbaceous perennials and shrubs); R. Harkness & Co, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire (roses); Roger Harvey Garden World, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire (Sun Flower Street); Herons Bonsai, of Newchapel, Surrey (Bonsai); Hillier Nurseries, of Ampfield, Hampshire (trees, shrubs, roses and ground-cover plants); The Hop Shop, of Shoreham, Kent (dried flowers).

Jekka's Herb Farm, of Alveston, Bristol (herbs).

Kings Park and Botanic Garden, of West Perth, Western Australia (native plants of Western Australia).

Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley Green, Surrey (conifers). Matthewman's Sweet Peas, of Thorpe Audlin, West Yorkshire (sweet peas); Mattock's Roses, of Nuneham Courtenay, Oxfordshire (roses); McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex (orchids); Medwyn's, of Anglesey, North *Wales* (vegetables); Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, of Victoria, Australia (Autumn in Melbourne); Millbrook Garden centre, of Southfleet, Kent (Sun Flower Street); Ken Muir, of Weeley Heath, Essex (strawberries).

Notcutts Garden Centres, of Woodbridge, Suffolk (trees, shrubs, roses, conifers and perennials).

Oakleigh Nurseries, of Monkwood, Hampshire (pelargoniums); University of Oxford Botanic Garden, Oxfordshire *(the healing power of plants).*

Park Green Nurseries, of Stowmarket, Suffolk (hostas and ornamental grasses); The Plant Lovers, of Candlesby, Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents).

Rickards Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester (ferns).

Diane Sewell, of Over, Cambridgeshire (sweet peas); Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents).

Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, West Yorkshire (bromeliads).

UK Horticulture, of Hailsham, East Sussex (plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables).

J. Walkers Bulbs, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire (daffodils).

Courtyard gardens
Chedworth Horticultural Society, of Lower Chedworth, Gloucestershire (plus award for best courtyard garden); Writtle College, of Writtle, Essex.

Window boxes
Bierton Broughton, *Hulcott Allotment and Garden* Society (plus award for best window box display).

Professional floristry
Floral Interpretations, of Drinkstone, Suffolk; Larchfield International, of Leeds, West Yorkshire (plus RHS floristry trophy).

Floral arrangements
National Panel of Floral Art Judges, Zimbabwe (plus RHS floral arrangement trophy); Risborough Flower Club; Thames Valley Flower Arrangement Club; Athena Tulba.

Today is a private view for Royal Horticultural Society members. The show, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is open to the public on Thursday *from 8am to 8pm and Friday from 8am to 5pm.* Admission is by ticket only, bought in advance (no tickets at the gates). The 24-hour show information line is 0171 649 1885.

Mary Robinson, President of the Republic of Ireland, is 53 today

Birthdays today

Dr J.V. Armitage, Principal, College *of St Hild and St Bede,* Durham, 65; Mr Malcolm Fraser, CH, former Australian Prime Minister, 67; Mr David Hunt, former MP, 55; Mr Will Hutton, Editor, *The Observer,* 47; Mr Leonard Manasseh, architect, 81; Dr Leonard Mullins, rubber physicist, 79; Mr Dipak Nandy, founder-director, Runnymede Trust, 61; Mr Andrew Neil, former Editor, *The Sunday Times,* 48; Mr R.M. Peskin, chairman, Great *Portland Estates,* 53; *Miss Rosalind* Plowright, soprano, 48; Mr Harold Robbins, novelist, 81; Mr Nicolas Rogerson, chief executive, Dewe Rogerson Group, 54; Baron Guy de Rothschild, 88; Sir David Smith, President, Wolfson College, Oxford, 67; Mr R.R. Welch, silversmith, 68; Professor Stanley Wells, Shakespearean scholar, 67; Mr Desmond Wilcox, broadcaster, 66; the Right Rev Mark Wood, former Bishop of Ludlow, 78; Mr James *Woodhouse, former Headmaster,* Lancing College, 64.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT
Lieutenant-Colonel P.A. McIlvenna was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club held yesterday at Mark Masons' Hall, St James's. Brigadier D.N. Locke presided.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell
A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Campbell Mitchell was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev W. Alexander Cairns officiated and Mr Winston S. Churchill and Mr Angus Mitchell, son, read the lessons. Mr Lorne Mitchell, son, read from the works of John Buchan and Miss Colina Mitchell, daughter, from the works of John Donne. Viscount Slim gave an address.

Pipe Major J.C.W. Motherwell and Corporal J. Methven, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise) played during the service. Among others present were:

Mrs Mitchell (widow), Mrs Penny Woods (sister), Mrs Lorne Mitchell (daughter-in-law), Mrs Nannette Hales, Miss Henrietta Hales, Mr Gerard Noel, *Mrs Mary* Cuninghame.

Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, KG, and the Duchess of Norfolk, Viscountess Slim, Lord *and Lady Campbell of* Croy, Cordelia Lady Greenway, Lord and Lady Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lady Mariegold Jamieson, the Hon Hugh Astor, the Hon Hugo Slim, the Hon Mark Slim, Sir John Gunston, Sir Patrick and Lady Palmer, Lady Shersby.

Major-General David Thomson (Colonel, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) with other members of the Regiment, Mr Guy Willoughby (Halo Trust) and Mrs Willoughby with representatives of the trust in Afghanistan, Mozambique, Cambodia, Transcaucasus, Chechnya, North East Africa and Angola.

Mr and Mrs James Astor, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Brigadier H H M *Marston, Mr Quentin Goggs,* Mr and Mrs Sandy Gall, Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Robertson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mr M H Burge, Mr and Mrs Nigel Gibbs, Colonel J Davie, Mr Douglas Mitchell, Major and Mrs Campbell Baldwin, Dr Paul MacLoughlin, Mr J Begg.

Mr Richard Bayliss, Mr Ronald A *Joynes, Mr Robin A Stormonth-*Darling, Captain David Buchan of Auchmacoy, Mr and Mrs Andrew Dewar-Durie, Colonel Edward Toms, Mr Vaughan Smith, Brigadier A D R G Wilson, Major the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Maclean, Dr Michael Peel.

Major Hugh Robertson (Life Guards), *Dr R J R Moffat* (Royal Society of Medicine), Mr F H G Percy (Whitgift School) with Mr Alan Older (president, Old Whitgiftian Association) and Mr Russell Bailey; Mr M W Newport (M N Newport) and Mrs Newport, Mr Keith Thurman (Triangular Trading (PVT) and many other friends and colleagues.

Luncheons

Victory (Services) Association
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron-in-Chief, The Victory (Services) Association, was the principal guest *at a luncheon held yesterday* at the Victory Services Club. Admiral Sir Brian Brown, presi*dent of the association, was in the* chair. The Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief of the Defence Staff were also principal guests. Members of the Diplomatic Corps were among those present.

Consular Corps of London
Mr Willie S. Wilder, President of the Consular Corps of London, was in the chair at the May luncheon held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel, W1.

National Sporting Club
Mr Desmond Lynam was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr David Willis, secretary, presided.

Glaziers' Company

Mr M.C. Tosh, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual prizegiving held last night at Glaziers' Hall.

The subject for the Stevens Competition was a set of three windows for the Beauchamp's *Restaurant in Leadenhall Market.* Ms Amanda Moriarty, Ms Donia Kamber, Mr David Williams, Ms Clare Johnson, Ms Alison McCaffrey and Ms Sue Shaughnessy received their prizes from Captain Beauchamp Blackett, the proprietor. Miss McCaffrey won the commission.

The Arthur and Helen Davis Travelling Scholarship was awarded to Mr Ian Hartless and the Award for Excellence, to enable a student to study in the studios of Master Craftmen, was awarded to Ms Shaughnessy.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Roger Cork, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies attended the 343rd Annual Festival Service of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and 11 other Bishops, 17 Aldermen and the Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff of 53 City Livery Companies were present. The Bishop of Gloucester preached the sermon. The Cathedral Choirs of St Paul's, Chichester and Durham and London Brass took part.

The dinner was afterwards held at Merchant Taylors' Hall at which the Archbishop of Canterbury presided and the Recorder of *London, Sir John Verney, was the* guest speaker.

Anthony Hopkins

A *celebration of the life and* work of Anthony Hopkins will be held in the Library of the Royal College of Physicians of London, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1, on Wednesday, May 28, at 6.00pm. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: *Albrecht Dürer,* painter and engraver, Nuremberg, 1471; Alexander Pope, poet, London, 1688; Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, Norwich, 1780; Henri Rousseau, painter, Laval, France, 1844.

DEATHS: King Henry VI, reigned 1422-61 *and* 1470-71, murdered, London, 1471; A.W. Franks, curator and antiquarian, London, 1897; Ronald Firbank, novelist, Rome, 1926; Kenneth Clark, Baron Clark, art historian, Kent, 1983.

Charles Lindbergh arrived in Paris after flying from New York in 33½ hours, 1927.

Reception

Thorney Island Society
The Thorney Island Society yesterday held a party at the Hong Kong Commissioners' residence to bid farewell to Sir David and Lady Ford.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Willis Fleming and Miss R.J. Hollins
The *engagement* is announced between John Michael, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Willis *Fleming, and* Rachel, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Hubert Hollins.

Mr A.W. Goodhart and Miss J.A. Lewis
The engagement is announced between *Arthur,* eldest son of Sir Philip and Lady Goodhart, of Kensington, London, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr Kenneth Lewis, of Hampton Hill, London, and Ann Brumsen, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J.A. Kennedy and Miss P.C.A. Lineham
The engagement is announced between Alex, son of Sir Ian and Lady Kennedy, of Twyford, Hampshire, and Portia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Lineham, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Mr P.F.J. Whitaker and Miss R.J. Nickerson
The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr and Mrs Wolstan Whitaker, of Winsley Hall, Shropshire, and Rosemarie, younger daughter of the late Sir Joseph Nickerson, of Rothwell House, Lincolnshire, and of Mrs Erna Nickerson, of Redland, Bristol.

***Mr M.J. Allanson* and Miss A.C. Gillespie**
The engagement is announced *between* Matthew, eldest *son* of Mr and Mrs J. Allanson, of Reigate, Surrey, and Annette, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Gillespie, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.D. Barr and Miss S.H. Gould
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr *and Mrs Charles Stuart Barr, of* Worcester, and Sian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Stanley Gould, of Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Mr M.F.B. Farquhar and Ms C.C. Hyett
The marriage will take place on Saturday, May 24, 1997, at 2pm, at The Priory, Ware, Hertfordshire, between Mike Farquhar and Kate Hyett.

Mr G. Hall and Miss Z.A. Williams
The engagement is announced between Gerrard, only son of Mr Harry Hall and Mrs Marina Hall, of Warrington, Cheshire, and Zara Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Williams, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

Mr J.A. Hamilton-Davies and Miss C.D.C. Dudman
The engagement is announced between Jake, elder son of the late Mr Peter Hamilton-Davies and of Mrs Polly Hamilton, of New York, and Colette, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Dudman, of Chagford, Devon.

Dr J.M. Harrison and Dr B. Bahlmann
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Professor Martin Harrison and of Mrs Harrison, of Oxford, and Barbara, daughter of Herr and Frau Bahlmann, of Mölbergen, Germany.

Mr M.J. Leach and Miss S.C. Berry
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of *Mr and* Mrs J. Leach, of Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, and Suzanna, daugh*ter of Brigadier* and Mrs A.E. Berry, of Broughton, Hampshire.

Mr S.H. MacDonald and Miss R.J. Nunn
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs David MacDonald, of Piddington, High Wycombe, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Nunn, of Oxford.

Marriage

***Mr G. Weston* and Miss M.L. Evans**
A Service of Blessing took place on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at Beaulieu Abbey Church, Hampshire, following the marriage of Mr Galvin Weston, eldest son of Mr Grainger Weston, of Marion, Texas, and the Hon Mrs Caroline Weston, of New Braunfels, Texas, to Miss Michelle Louise Evans, younger daughter of Mrs Evans and the late Squadron Leader David Evans, of Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.

Dinners

HM Lord High Commissioner
Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Her *Majesty's Lord High Commis*sioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs McDonald, the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Mrs *Nicholson, the Earl of Crawford and* Balcarres, KT, and the Countess of Crawford and Balcarres, Lord Lyell, the Lord Lyon King of Arms and Lady Innes of Edingight, Sir Ronald and Lady Garrick, the Solicitor General for Scotland and Mrs Boyd, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Grant, Mr and Mrs James Miller, Professor and Mrs John Arbuthnott, Mr and Mrs Michael Balfour, Mr Patrick Cadell, the Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders and Mrs Cameron, Dr and Mrs M J Carty, *Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs* David Chisholm, Mr and Mrs Alan Devereux, Mr and Mrs Henry Donaldson, Mr and Mrs Robin Easton, Mr and Mrs Eric Hagman, the Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and Mrs Haines, the General Officer Commanding Scotland and Mrs Hall, Mr and Mrs *David Halliday, Mr and Mrs T S* Hamilton, the Rev Charles and Mrs Heriot, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Andrew Jackson, the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow and Mrs Lally, *Mr Gordon Lane, the Rev* Donald and Mrs MacDonald, Mr and Mrs Donald MacLeod, Mr and Mrs Fred McLeod, the Very *Rev* Gilleasbuig and Dr Maureen Macmillan, Mr and Mrs Robert Martin, Dr and Mrs George Mathewson, Mr and Mrs David Ross Stewart, Mr and Mrs A M Simpson, Mr and Mrs *Brian* Taylor, *the Flag Officer Scotland,* Northern England and Northern Ireland and Mrs Tolhurst and Mr and Mrs Alan Waddell.

Gray's Inn
The Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Judge Esyr Lewis, QC, and the Masters of the Bench, entertained the following last night at dinner in Hall, it being Grand Day of Easter Term:

The High Commissioner for Singapore, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead (treasurer, Middle Temple), Dame Angela Rumbold, Sir Maurice Drake (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Mr Donald Sinden, Mr Richard Simmonds, Mr George Staple, Dr Robert Anderson, Mr D G R Ferguson, Mr Robert Owen, QC, the Rev Roger Holloway (preacher) and Mr David Machin (under-treasurer).

10 King's Bench Walk
A chambers' dinner was held at the Savoy on May 17 to honour the previous heads of chambers. The principal guests, who were welcomed by Mr Georges Khayat, QC, were His Honour Bernard Lewis (founder), His Honour Henry Palmer (previous head), His Honour Judge Kenneth Zucker, QC (previous head) and Mr Desmond Allum, SC (Trinidad & Tobago) who all attended with *their wives.* Mr *Winston* Roddick, QC, proposed the toast to chambers and Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, (present head) responded.

The Society of Merchants Trading to the Continent
Sir Andrew Large, Chairman of The Securities and Investments Board, was guest of honour at a dinner of the Society held last night at Trinity House, Tower Hill. Mr Rupert Hambro presided.

United & Cecil Club
Mr Michael Portillo was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the *United & Cecil* Club held last night at the Carlton Club. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman, presided *and Sir Brian Goswell* also spoke.

City of London Solicitors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Dr J.F. Avery Jones; Senior Warden, Mr R.D. Fox, Junior Warden, Mr M.R. Mathews.

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I shall not violate my covenant, nor alter what I have promised. I have sworn by my holiness once and for all, I shall not break my word to David. Psalm 89 : 34,35

BIRTHS

ACKERY - On May 12th, to Sacha Baveystock and *Duncan Ackery,* a daughter, Eve Rose Melville.

BESWICK - Russell and Sharon (née Stretton) announce the arrival of Lucinda Amy on 16th May 1997.

BOOTHBY - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and Chris, a son, Christian, a brother for Sam and Chloë.

DUFFY - On 13th May at The Portland Hospital, to Renee and David, a daughter, Tara Aileen, a sister for Sean and Katherine.

ELNOUR - On May 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Siham Ibrahim and Shams, a son, Yahia, a brother for Salah, Sarya and Ahmed.

FOSTER - On 17th May 1997 at The Portland Hospital Jake Samuel safely arrived. A son to Kate (Silverlock) and Stephen Foster.

HUGHES - Terry and Maria are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Marco Peter, a brother for Elena, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital on Tuesday 20th May 1997.

HUNTER - On May 19th, to Lindsey (née Walton) and Andrew, a son, Sholto Douglas Hope, a brother for Millicent and welcome grandson.

JACOBS - On 14th May 1997, to Pamela (née Fine) and Richard, a daughter, Hannah Minnie, a sister for Rebecca and Benjamin.

MARSH - On May 7th 1997, to Jane *(née Ponsonby) and* Simon, a son, Peter Nicholas, a brother for Harry.

MAYFIELD - On Saturday 17th May, to *Elizabeth* (née Paton) and Charlie, a daughter, Mary, a sister for Rosa.

TAIT - On 15th May, to Carolyn and Nigel, a son, Louis Frederick, a brother for William and Georgia.

THOMPSON-PRICE - On 17th May at home, to Pia and Olly, a daughter, Tula Edite. Thanks Mum, Sally, Beryl.

WEATHERLY - On 16th May 1997, to Anne (née Beckerlegge) and Roger, a daughter, Rosanna Catherine Alice, a sister for Andrew, Laurence, Florence and Imogen.

WILSHAW - On May 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Carole and Philippos, a son, Oliver, a brother for Alexander.

YATES - On May 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Denise and Geoffrey, a daughter, Bailey Déna, a sister for Reagan.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - J. Peter of Sutton Bonington on May 18th peacefully at home. Loved and loving husband and father. Service of Thanksgiving for his life at 12 noon Friday May 23rd at *St Anne's,* Sutton Bonington. Donations to The Organ Restoration Fund c/o Patrick Bottom, 80 Park Lane, or *flowers to St Anne's Church* Friday am.

ASHMAN - On 17th May 1997 peacefully in hospital Peter John Ashman aged 64 years of Morden, Surrey. Beloved husband of Patricia and stepfather of Kim, also sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday 27th May 1997 11.30 am at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden. Family flowers. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund c/o Fredk. W. Paine, 26 Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BL, tel: (0181) 542-1214.

BEARD - Margaret (Cam) of Cobham, Surrey, beloved wife of her late husband Harold, loving mother of Peter and David and a doting grandmother. Peacefully at home after a long illness on 16th May. All friends of Cam are welcome to the funeral to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Saturday 24th May at 11am. Family flowers only but donations *in* lieu to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, c/o James & Thomas Ltd., F/D, Mill Road, Cobham, KT11 3AL.

BELL - (Morpeth). At home on May 18th aged 65 years Kenneth, husband of Joan *and father of* Paul and Ashley. Funeral Service at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle, on Friday 23rd May at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Freeman Heart Unit Fund, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7DN.

BOVEY - Susan Alice (née Lait) peacefully in *Joseph* Weld Hospice on 18th May 1997, beloved wife of Lt. Col. Bruce C. Bovey (Royal Signals ret'd.), devoted mother of Robin and Adrian and a much loved grandmother. Will be greatly missed. Private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired for Joseph Weld Hospice may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL, tel: (01747) 822494. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

CATON - *Judy,* on May 19th 1997 peacefully at home with her family, beloved wife of David, dear mother of Bob and Tom, granny of Lucy and daughter of Jane Mercer. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Margaret Marsh, Marnhull, Dorset, on Friday May 23rd at 10 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for West Dorset Hospital MRI Scanner Appeal may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL, tel: (01747) 822494.

CONSTANTINE - Helen, adored and adoring widow of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, KBE, CB, DSO, *LLD,* and beloved mother and grandmother of Judy-Jane Moore and Marcus Hargreaves. Funeral private. Short Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's, Chester Square, London SW1 on Monday June 2nd at 12.30 pm. "A very brilliant light dimmed and then went out."

CREIGHTMORE - Peter Beauchamp, peacefully on May 15th. *Former Master of* the Queen's Bench. Dearly loved husband of June, brother of Minty and the late John and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service at 11.30 am on May 28th at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to R Medhurst F/D, Hartfield, (01892) 770253.

CROUCHER - Nicholas Anthony born 4th July 1965, son of Marguerite L. Lush and Richard R. Croucher, brother of Amanda, Dominic and Camilla, died 17th May 1997 suddenly in Thailand. Funeral private.

EWING - Vice Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing KBE, CB, DSC, died peacefully at Sutton Manor on May 19th 1997. Beloved husband of Anne and father of David. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Odiham, at 11.30 am on Tuesday May 27th.

GAMMELL - On May 19th 1997 suddenly but peacefully at Bedcot, Haslemere, William Sydney, aged 91, much loved husband of Susan and father of Janet, Iain and David. Cremation private, but a memorial service will be *held* at a date to be announced.

HARVEY - Edward Cecil, on February 18th 1997 in Chichester, West Sussex. The funeral has taken place. Remembered fondly by his sons Nick, Andy, Jaz, Pat and *Chris.* Enquiries welcomed from family and friends. Phone Nick Harvey on (01273) 556111.

HEATHCOCK - Leonard Francis Heathcock MBE on May 17th 1997, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Dora, father of Jennifer, Meg, Jo, Jane, Rosemary, Lucy and Liz, and dear grandpa of 14 grandchildren. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Name, Claygate at 11.30am on Friday May 23rd, followed by cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Marie Curie or to Princess Alice Hospice c/o F.W. Paine, Esher.

JACKSON - On May 19th 1997 at Wellingborough, Dorothy Elizabeth, widow of Ray and beloved mother of Helen and the late David. After 41 years of suffering brittle diabetes. *Safe in the arms of Jesus.* Details tel: (01933) 227147.

KING - Joan Faye Sendall on May 17th 1997 at Hinton Grange Nursing Home aged 79 years. Interment at Cambridge City Cemetery on Thursday May 22nd at 2 pm for family and close friends. Service to thank God for her life lived for Him at Queen Edith Chapel on Thursday June 26th at 4 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Mission Aviation *Fellowship,* Ingles Manor, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2TN. Enquiries to Queen Edith *Chapel* tel: (01223) 245 584.

MANCHES - On May 19th. Just before his 84th birthday, Josh Manches passed away. Deeply loved and missed by John and Jill, Howard and Joanna, his grandchildren, his family and many, many friends. Funeral Service at 4pm on May 22nd at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to *Jewish Lads and Girls* Brigade, Camperdown, 3 Beechcroft Road, London E18 1LA.

RISBRIDGER - John Edward died bravely at home 17th May 1997 aged 49. Much loved Dad to Eve and Jo-Marie and a friend to many. Funeral 10.30 am Friday 23rd May at St Mary's Church, Bletchingley. Garden flowers only please or donations to Surrey Wildlife Trust.

TAYLOR - Heather Gillian, daughter of the late Leslie and Noreen Taylor, sister of Hugh Taylor, peacefully on 18th May 1997 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, after a long illness bravely borne. Private cremation followed by funeral service at St Stephen's Church, *Gloucester Road,* SW7, at 3pm on Thursday 22nd May. *No flowers but donations if* desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, *260B Fulham Road, London* SW10 9EL, tel: (0171) 352-0008.

WALTON - Margaret peacefully on May 19th in the dedicated care of St George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, the beloved wife of Richard and the mother of Gabriel, Sarah and John. Service at Alciston Church, Sussex, at 1.45 pm on Friday May 30th followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society or The Royal Society of Musicians.

WILKINSON - Reverend Norman, aged 86, peacefully at his home in Walditch, Dorset. Husband of the late Connie, father of John and Mark. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Walditch on Thursday, 22nd May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only donations, if desired, for Cancer Research c/o A J Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

ZIEGLER - Elizabeth Anne (Wiggy), only daughter of Keith and Vera, died peacefully May 17th 1997. Will be much missed by her family and many friends. Funeral Cheltenham Crematorium 2 pm Monday June 2nd. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to The British Heart Foundation.

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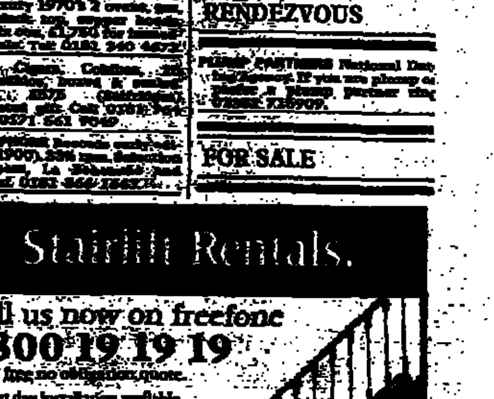

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OBITUARIES

SIR ROBIN KINAHAN

Sir Robin Kinahan, former Lord Mayor of Belfast, died on May 2 aged 80. He was born on September 24, 1916.

Robin Kinahan occupied a prominent position in the Ulster Unionist establishment whose authority withered in the 1960s and 1970s as a result of the assaults of Ian Paisley and his colleagues on the one hand, and the British Government's incessant pressure for ever greater reform on the other. His prominence reflected his success in modernising and expanding the family firm of wine merchants in Belfast, and in acquiring a large portfolio of new business interests, though they failed to make him a conspicuously rich man.

In his political life he followed a well-trodden path, but with some quite unusual results. Through the Orange Order he established a particularly warm relationship with the Protestant working class in North Belfast whom he served devotedly for 15 years on the Belfast City Council. He gave up his seat in the Stormont Parliament after only a few months to serve as Belfast's second youngest Lord Mayor, 1959-61, which brought him his knighthood.

Unlike other moderate Unionists, he never wavered in his attachment to the Orange Order, which in his view enriched the life of the Province. His wife later described a typical July 12 march as "a happy family occasion when all Robin's Roman Catholic workers turned out and cheered him as he walked with his lodge".

Yet the man who always deprecated sectarian bigotry himself ironically became the target of extremists in the late 1960s when he attended a Catholic wedding and funeral. Sustained, though ultimately unsuccessful, efforts were made to drive him out of the Order.

As a warm admirer of Northern Ireland's devolved institutions, he strongly opposed the introduction of direct rule in Northern Ireland in 1972. Nevertheless, he agreed to join the Advisory Commission (boycotted by other Unionists), which William Whitelaw established to assist him in his work as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It was a particularly frustrating period, since his advice was never taken.

His final role in public life as Lord Lieutenant of Belfast, 1985-91, enabled him to end his career on a suitably dignified note, though he was far from amused when the Lord Chamberlain in introducing him to the Queen was unable to remember where he came from. He was later somewhat mollified when the Princess Royal came to his aid in an argument with a supporter of British withdrawal from Northern Ireland, asserting firmly that "Ulster *is* part of the United Kingdom".

Robert George Caldwell Kinahan (always known as Robin) was educated at Stowe, where he fell under the spell of its first headmaster, J. F. Roxburgh, whose smart dress he always sought to emulate. He went straight from school into the family firm of Lyle and Kinahan, founded in Belfast by his grandfather.

Winning a scholarship from the Vintners' Company, he travelled in France and Germany, 1937-38, acquiring the knowledge of wines which assisted him so conspicuously in making his own firm more profitable. He returned from his researches convinced of the need for resolute action against Hitler and immediately joined a new Ulster Territorial regiment of anti-aircraft gunners.

He took part in the defence of Calais in 1940, and subsequently served in Slim's "forgotten army" in India and Burma, where his duties as adjutant included supplying his commanding officer (a future president of the Ulster Unionist Council) with decent sherry.

Belfast politics dominated his life in the immediate postwar years. In 1948 he was elected councillor for Oldpark, defeating Billy Blease, who was later to become Ulster's only Labour peer. Two campaigns which he brought to successful conclusions gave him particular satisfaction during his years in local government.

First, he overcame the united opposition of all religious denominations to the establishment of a crematorium in Belfast. Then, with the interests of his working-class constituents in mind, he succeeded in getting piggeries banned from the back streets of Belfast.

As Lord Mayor, he struck a new outward-looking and progressive note by paying official visits to some of his opposite numbers in the Republic of Ireland. He also entertained Catholic cardinals, before whom, to his amusement, "even the stoutest Catholic members of the Corporation prostrated themselves unexpectedly upon the floor".

After 1961, however, politics increasingly gave way to business. He acquired a substantial array of directorships, mainly in the Ulster subsidiaries of national and international companies in the food and drink trades. He was a director of Gallahers for 15 years, making useful capital gains when the company passed into American ownership. In the 1970s and 1980s, he added insurance companies and the Standard Telephones Company to his list.

An independent "who's who" of Ulster's top businessmen in the 1970s put him in first place: he and two others were found to be on the boards of nearly 60 Northern Ireland companies between them. (As a result, the IRA put him for a time at the top of its hit list.) It was, however, to his work in banking that he attached special importance. As chairman of the Ulster Bank (a subsidiary of the NatWest), he visited every branch on both sides of the border, often receiving a notably warmer welcome in the South than in his native Province.

Kinahan was a striking figure: tall and elegant in appearance and infinitely courteous in manner. In 1950, he married Coralie de Burgh, a member of one of the oldest Anglo-Irish families, who is well known in Ulster as a painter and as a formidable hostess. Together they restored one of Ulster's historic houses, Castle Upton, in Co. Antrim, where they entertained successive Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, virtually all of whom disappointed them. They produced a joint volume of memoirs in retirement.

He is survived by her and by their two sons and three daughters.

SIR JOHN WRAIGHT

Sir John Wraight, KBE, CMG, former British Ambassador to Switzerland, died on April 23, aged 80. He was born on June 4, 1916.

JOHN WRAIGHT was a diplomat who specialised in economic relations and, for 30 years after the Second World War, blazed a trail around the world for British exports. In Tel Aviv in the early 1950s, he negotiated the first trade and financial agreements between Britain and the new state of Israel. Before the decade was over, however, he found himself in Cairo as commercial counsellor, helping to reopen the British Embassy and repair trade links shattered by the 1956 Suez crisis.

From there he went to Brussels, where he doubled as Britain's representative on the long-running Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold — an Anglo-American-Soviet body tasked with sorting out the future of gold looted by the Nazis.

Trade played a large part in his posting as minister and consul-general in Milan during the five years leading up to Britain's entry into the Common Market. Then in the same year he became British Ambassador in Berne, embarking on a three-year tour which was to turn him into something of a "Switzophile". He subsequently wrote two definitive books, *The Swiss And The British* (1987), and its sequel, *The Swiss In London* (1991), and became himself a leading figure in Anglo-Swiss circles in this country.

Shortly before he died, he wrote a spirited defence of the Swiss banks against those who accused them of profiting from stolen gold deposited by the Nazis during the war — an issue on which he was something of an authority. Wraight did not condone either the action of the Nazis or the cynical opportunism of those who had turned a blind eye to what was happening. But he was a pugnacious opponent of injustice, and he felt that the case for the Swiss had not been made.

Born in Harrow, Middlesex, John Richard Wraight was the son of a professional pianist and organist and his wife, a designer with Whiteley's department store in Bayswater. On leaving Selhurst Grammar School the young Wraight first took a job as salesman for a brick company but soon left for a clerk's job in the City, while studying at London University in his spare time.

His career was reshaped, however, by the Second World War. Joining the Honourable Artillery Company in 1939, he was drafted to the 11th Royal Horse Artillery Regiment and fought with the 1st Armoured Division as a gun troop sergeant in the Western Desert. He narrowly escaped with his life during one Panzer attack when a shell scored a direct hit on the 25-pounder beside which he was crouching — killing or badly injuring most of its crew.

Commissioned before El Alamein, Jack Wraight (as he was known in the Army) was transferred in 1944 to the Balkan section of the Ministry of Economic Warfare Mission in the Middle East, based in Cairo. He also spent part of his time as economic warfare adviser in the Italian headquarters of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean.

Demobilised as a major, Wraight first entered the Foreign Service as special assistant to the chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in wartorn Central Europe. He had, therefore, gained several years of hard experience in the field before being sent in 1948 to his first diplomatic post in Athens. It was from there that he transferred to Tel Aviv.

John Wraight retired from the diplomatic service with a knighthood in 1976, returning to the City, where he had worked before the war. He became an international consultant to the stockbrokers Phillips and Drew (among others) and his contacts are thought to have led to its eventual merger with the Union Bank of Switzerland.

He was a private, unassuming man, known for his gentle courtesy and kindness. But he was also imbued with a quiet determination, which underpinned his personal and professional success.

His recreations included birdwatching and music — on which he was deeply knowledgeable. He even lectured to Swiss audiences on English composers such as Elgar and Vaughan Williams.

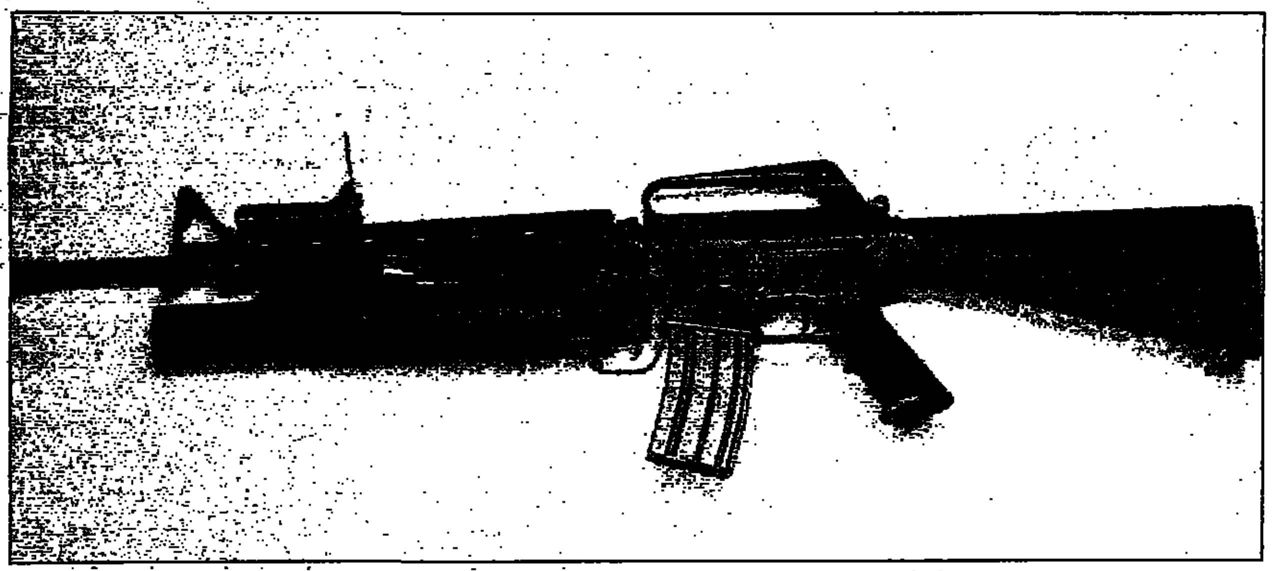
A more consuming interest was the Scout Movement. He belonged to it in one role or another for more than 70 years and since 1977 had been president of the Greater London South-West Scout County.

It was as a Boy Scout attending a jamboree in Romania that he first met his wife Marquita, who was there on holiday at the time. She was the first daughter of an expatriate Scottish professor who taught English Literature at Istanbul University (Kemal Ataturk was one of his pupils) and his Spanish wife. They kept in touch for many years and were married in Istanbul in 1947.

They celebrated their golden wedding earlier this year, and John Wraight is survived by her. They had no children.

EUGENE M. STONER

Eugene M. Stoner, American firearms designer, died in Palm City, Florida, on April 24 aged 74. He was born on November 22, 1922.



Eugene M. Stoner's M16 rifle fitted with M203 40mm grenade launcher

ALTHOUGH it never achieved the household name status of its Russian competitor, the Kalashnikov AK47, Eugene Stoner's M16 assault rifle had been standard issue for the US Armed Forces since 1963. The acceptance of Stoner's design — originally called the ArmaLite AR15 — marked the first time the American military had adopted a privately designed rifle rather than a government specification.

Stoner in fact developed a close friendship with Mikhail Kalashnikov, whose famous rifle entered service with the Red Army in 1947. The two men often met at conferences and compared notes. Stoner graciously conceded to the Russian: "Mikhail, your gun is more reliable than mine. It's simpler." That could not be denied, though users of the M16 could point to its lighter weight and (some said) greater accuracy. A handsome weapon, it saw service with a number of armies round the world, though it was nothing like as ubiquitous as the AK47.

Born in Gasport, Indiana, Eugene Morrison Stoner grew up in Long Beach, California, and after graduating from technical high school worked for Vega Air Craft, later to become Lockheed. During the Second World War he served in the US Marines in the Pacific theatre.

In 1954 Stoner went to work for the aircraft company Fairchild which had in that year established its ArmaLite firearms division. Its express purpose was to develop lighter rifles using plastics and nonferrous metals, as well as smaller calibre ammunition and higher muzzle velocities. Stoner became ArmaLite's key designer and developed a series of weapons, ranging from the Ar1 7.62mm sniper rifle of 1955, through the AR7 .22 long rifle of 1958 to the AR9 12-gauge shotgun.

But it was the AR10 which was the real precursor of the light assault rifle, though thanks to a somewhat chaotic production history it only saw service in relatively small numbers with the Portuguese Army. A Dutch firm, Artillerie-Inrichtingen had bought the rights to manufacture the rifle from Fairchild in 1959, but was soon afterwards forced to suspend production. But in December 1959 the Colt company then stepped in and bought ArmaLite, and from the AR10 sprang the AR15 and, with some modifications, the AR16.

The latter weapon, which embodied all the refinements of the Stoner system, had seen the final evolution of the cartridge down from 7.62mm to 5.56mm. Yet, in spite of the fact that users were extremely enthusiastic about its qualities, it was surprisingly hard to market. Eventually, in 1962, 1,000 weapons were tested by the US Department of Defence's Advanced Research Project Agency which produced such an enthusiastic report that the Defence Secretary, Robert McNamara ordered 85,000 of the rifles (which it renamed the M16) for Vietnam and 19,000 for the USAF.

But the M16 was to experience further troubles, before its general acceptance. It was sent to Vietnam without proper operating instructions and maintenance equipment and suffered badly from corrosion in the humidity of the jungle. Nevertheless, after training programmes were instituted, these teething troubles were overcome and the merits of the new rifle were recognised. It was sold to a number of overseas armies, including those of Israel, South Korea, Singapore and the Philippines.

Besides his combat rifles Stoner designed a number of other weapons: match rifles, a sub-machinegun, a belt-fed light machinegun and a 25mm automatic cannon. The Stoner system was also manufactured under licence by Mauser in Germany and by Nederlands Waapen et Munitions in Holland. Stoner held more than a hundred patents on weapons. Unlike his Russian competitor, Mikhail Kalashnikov, who remained a modestly paid state official, he became very wealthy, owning several helicopters, which he enjoyed flying. But, unlike Kalashnikov's, his name remained relatively unknown.

He is survived by his second wife Barbara, and by the three daughters and son of his first marriage.

ON THIS DAY

May 21, 1921

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Chu Chin Chow, the British spectacular musical, ran and ran and is rightly described here as "an institution". Despite air raids, a police strike and other crises during the First World War its popularity never waned. Its production is said to have cost under £5,000

"CHU CHIN CHOW" NEAR ITS END.

2,200 PERFORMANCES.

London is about to lose one of its best-known institutions, for the last nights of Mr. Oscar Asche's production of *Chu Chin Chow* at His Majesty's Theatre are announced. The actual date has not been selected, but it will probably be Thursday, June 9, as on the following day Mrs. Asche (Miss Lily Brayton) sails for Madeira for a holiday.

Mr. Asche announces that the theatre will then be closed for 10 or 12 weeks for alterations and decorations, and early in September will come the production of *Mecca*, the spectacular musical play in which Mr. Asche and Miss Brayton will appear. *Mecca* has already been produced with considerable success in the United States. Mr. Asche stated yesterday that the scheme for the future of the theatre is proceeding and that as soon as everything is settled an announcement will be made. He added: "It will be a big wrench when *Chu Chin Chow* ends, as we have been playing continually during the last five years through air raids, the police strike and other things, and if it had not been for the coal crisis there is no knowing how much longer it would have gone on. It is perhaps interesting to note that His Majesty's is the only theatre in London running a big show which has not put up the price of its seats."

The story of *Chu Chin Chow* is one of the romances of the modern stage. Its production cost less than £5,000 and it has brought fortunes to a number of people. Its success was never in doubt from the first. It is understood that the arrangement with the executors of the late Sir Herbert Tree was that the production should not be withdrawn until for two consecutive weeks the receipts fell below a certain figure. Even at the worst periods of the war that figure was never reached, and had it not been for the coal dispute there is little doubt that *Chu Chin Chow* would have run well into the autumn. By the time *Chu Chin Chow* is withdrawn, it will have reached its 2,200th performance.

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Judge allows lesbian adoption

■ A girl of 11 has been adopted by a woman living with a lesbian partner after a ground-breaking ruling by a High Court judge, who overruled objections from the child's natural mother. The adoption was approved at the request of the local authority responsible for the girl's care .... **Pages 1, 47**

Harrods ban

A 15-stone, size 20 American clothes designer claimed she was asked to leave Harrods because she was too fat. Harrods responded that she had contravened their dress code......................... **Page 1**

Action on MP

Labour may take disciplinary action against Mohammed Sarwar even if the MP is cleared by a police inquiry, after he admitted handing £5,000 to a rival election candidate.................. **Pages 2, 25**

Chukkaed out

A millionaire businessman who became patron of Britain's most ambitious polo team has been banned from the sport for nine months for a heinous breach of the rule book..................... **Page 3**

Protesters arrested

Black-clad bailiffs over-ran two of the six camps of protesters on the site of Manchester Airport's second runway. Thirty people were evicted and 15 arrested .... **Page 4**

Speedy informer

An IRA man given a new identity by Special Branch after turning informer had to defend his aliases in court after being booked for speeding .... **Page 5**

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Smear-test blame

A Canterbury hospital responsible for a smear-test alert affecting 91,000 women had been warned of potential problems by its own staff years earlier, a Channel 4 documentary claims.......... **Page 8**

Nurses bar relatives

The Royal College of Nurses voted at their conference not to allow relatives into hospital emergency rooms to watch doctors and nurses battling to save dying patients............................ **Page 9**

Top dog dies

Mildred Kerr Bush, commonly called Millie, has died in Kennebunkport, Maine, aged 12. She is survived by her master, the former President, and his wife, Barbara .... **Page 19**

Afghan crisis

The northern Afghan military alliance was in worsening crisis as the Taleban militia launched an offensive against the last third of the country .... **Page 19**

Passive smoking risk

Passive smoking could double the risk of heart disease, a ten-year study at Harvard has found. The legal implications will be far-reaching............................ **Page 20**

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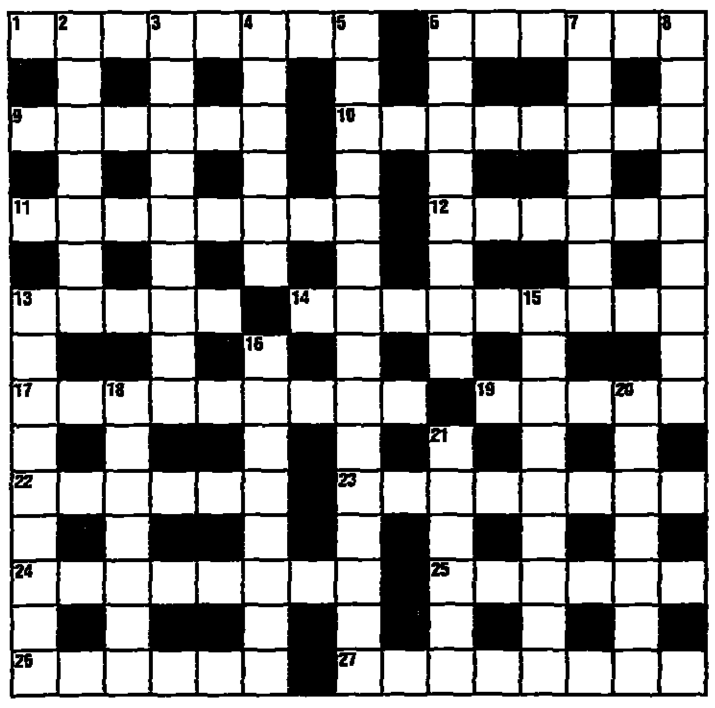

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny spells and showers. These will become heavy with hail and occasional thunder. Rain will slowly move south with clearer weather reaching Midlands, North Wales and Norfolk by midnight. Central and southern Scotland, and Northern Ireland will start rather cloudy with rain, but it will be brighter later.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny spells and showers, some heavy with hail or thunder. Winds light, mainly westerly becoming northwest later. Max temp 18C (64F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales:** sunny spells and showers, some heavy, with hail and thunder. Becoming cloudy from the north with some persistent rain. Drier and clearer in north later. Winds light becoming moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **E England, NW England, Central N England:** sunny spells and showers at first. Becoming cloudy from north with persistent rain for a time. Turning drier and clearer. Winds north to northeast, light becoming light to moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain, becoming drier and brighter. Winds northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Becoming drier and brighter from the north, although still with the odd light coastal shower. Winds northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mainly dry with bright or sunny spells. Winds northeasterly fresh, locally strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** patchy rain clearing from south will leave most places dry and bright.

☐ **Pollen forecast today:** all regions should be low.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X					Lerwick	5.0	-	9	48	c
Anglesey	9.0	0.11	20	68	s	Leuchars	-	0.21	10	50	r
Aspatria	0.8	0.26	15	59	r	Littlehmptn	4.2	0.27	15	59	r
Aviemore	-	0.16	8	46	r	London	4.1	0.11	17	63	sh
Belfast	-	0.40	13	55	r	Lowestoft	8.7	0.01	18	64	s
Birmingham	8.0	0.04	18	64	sh	Margate	8.2	0.01	18	64	sh
Bognor R	4.8	0.27	15	59	r	Minehead	4.6	0.09	16	61	sh
Bournem'th	3.7	0.17	16	61	sh	Morecambe	7.0	0.12	18	64	s
Bristol	4.5	0.07	17	63	sh	Newquay	3.8	0.40	14	57	sh
Buxton	6.0	0.27	16	61	s	Norwich	7.0	0.02	21	70	r
Cardiff	3.5	0.18	15	59	sh	Oxford	3.2	0.05	1763		
Clacton	X	0.02	1457			Penzance	X	0.54	14	57	r
Cleethorpes	-	0.08	13	55	du	Poole	2.9	0.12	16	61	c
Colwyn Bay	7.4	0.12	15	59	s	Prestatyn	X	0.26	16	61	sh
Cromer	7.4	0.01	16	61	s	Ross-o-wye	4.7	0.03	16	61	sh
Dunbar	-	0.57	9	48	r	Ryde	5.7	0.11	16	61	r
Eastbourne	4.4	0.24	13	55	s	Salcombe	3.5	0.28	13	55	r
Edinburgh	-	0.41	10	50	du	Sandown	6.3	0.07	16	61	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.47	10	50	sh	Saunton Snd	2.5	0.03	17	63	b
Exmouth	3.3	0.13	13	55	r	Scarboro'	1.4	0.08	14	57	du
Falmouth	2.6	0.24	15	59	c	Shanklin	4.4	0.09	15	59	r
Folkestone	5.4	0.08	16	61	r	Shrewsbury	3.3	0.04	17	63	sh
Glasgow	1.2	0.29	11	52	r	Southend	4.5	0.30	18	64	sh
Guernsey	5.2	0.11	16	61	sh	Southport	8.5	0.43	17	63	t
Hastings	5.2	0.19	14	57	r	Stornoway	0.1	0.01	9	48	r
Hayling I	5.9	0.09	15	59	r	Swanage	3.4	0.10	14	57	sh
Herne Bay	3.9	0.02	17	63	c	Teignmouth	3.3	0.07	14	57	r
Hove	4.9	0.13	14	57	b	Tenby	5.6	0.02	16	61	r
Hunstanton	X	0.22	17	63	s	Tiree	0.8	-	14	57	c
Ilfracombe	X					Torquay	3.8	0.16	16	61	b
Isle of Man	8.0	0.02	15	59	s	Tynemouth	-	0.01	10	50	fg
Jersey	4.5	0.22	15	59	t	Ventnor	3.8	0.06	17	63	sh
Kinloss	-	0.56	9	48	r	West-s-mare	3.5	0.19	14	57	sh
Leeds	3.1	0.45	19	66	b	Weymouth	2.1	0.13	15	59	c

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Madrid	18	64	f	Riyadh	39	102	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	14	57	c	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	23	73	s
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	25	77	s	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Malta	19	66	s	S Paulo	26	79	f
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Faro	21	70	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c	Salzburg	22	72	s
Athens	27	81	s	Florence	24	75	c	Mexico C	22	72	f	Seoul	19	66	f
B Aires	18	64	f	Frankfurt	22	72	s	Miami	31	88	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Milan	25	77	f	St'kholm	11	52	s
Bangkok	32	90	c	Geneva	19	66	f	Montreal	14	57	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	20	68	c	Moscow	12	54	s	Sydney	15	59	r
Barcelona	21	70	c	Helsinki	10	50	f	Munich	23	73	s	Tangier	21	70	c
Beirut	30	86	s	Hong K	31	88	f	N Delhi	36	97	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Belgrade	27	81	f	Innsbrck	23	73	s	N York	26	79	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Berlin	21	70	c	Istanbul	19	66	s	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tokyo	19	66	r
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Naples	25	77	s	Toronto	11	52	c
Biarritz	X			Jo'burg	18	64	s	Nice	20	68	f	Tunis	31	88	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	Karachi	X			Oslo	12	54	f	Valencia	28	82	f
Brussels	22	72	s	L Angels	19	66	f	Paris	19	66	r	Vanc'ver	14	57	s
Budapest	24	75	c	L Palmas	23	73	f	Peking	26	79	c	Venice	24	75	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Le Touqt	20	68	f	Perth	19	66	c	Vienna	24	75	s
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Lisbon	18	64	f	Prague	21	70	f	Warsaw	27	81	f
Ch'church	11	52	-	Locarno	21	70	s	Reykjavik	8	46	f	Wash'ton	34	93	f
Chicago	17	63	f	Luxembg	20	68	s	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	-
Cologne	22	72	s	Luxor	40	108	f	Rio de J	26	79	f	Zurich	22	72	s

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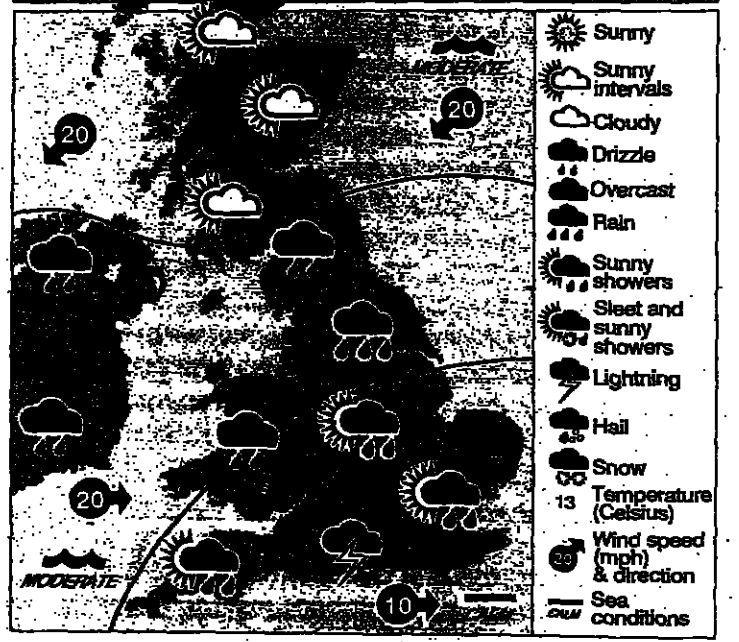

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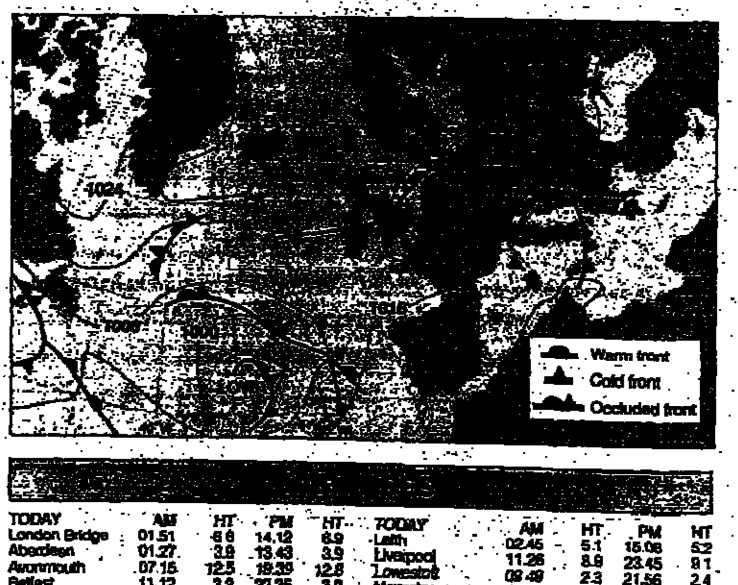

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Aberdeen	01.27	3.8	13.43	3.9	Liverpool	11.26	8.9	23.45	9.1
Avonmouth	07.15	12.5	19.39	12.8	Lowestoft	08.49	2.3	21.56	2.4
Belfast	11.12	3.2	23.35	3.3	Margate	-	-	12.20	4.5
Cardiff	07.01	11.5	19.25	11.8	Milford Haven	06.19	6.4	18.40	6.6
Devonport	05.48	5.3	18.12	5.4	Newquay	05.12	6.5	17.32	6.6
Dover	11.12	6.2	23.28	6.4	Oban	05.51	3.7	18.24	3.8
Dublin (N Wall)	11.53	3.7	-	-	Penzance	04.42	5.1	17.02	5.2
Falmouth	05.19	5.1	17.49	5.2	Portland	06.47	1.8	19.14	1.9
Greenock	00.49	3.1	12.51	3.0	Portsmouth	11.39	4.3	23.54	4.5
Harwich	-	-	12.13	3.9	Shoreham	11.23	5.7	23.41	5.9
Holyhead	10.33	5.2	22.53	5.4	Southampton	10.59	4.3	23.16	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	06.29	8.2	18.45	8.3	Swansea	08.33	8.8	18.52	9.0
Ilfracombe	06.06	8.6	18.27	8.8	Tees	03.43	5.1	16.00	5.1
King's Lynn	06.36	6.2	18.49	6.3	Walton-on-N	-	-	12.07	4.0

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London 8.55 pm to 4.59 am
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Full moon tomorrow

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft WEDNESDAY MAY 21 1997

Profits at M&S break the £1bn barrier

By Jon Ashworth

PROFITS at Marks & Spencer last year exceeded £1 billion for the first time, on soaring demand for everything from home-cooked meals to charge cards.

UK clothing and home furnishings topped the billing at Britain's leading high street retailer, which has its mind set on lucrative spoils overseas. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, is seeking new sites in Germany, France and Spain, and sees huge potential in the Pacific Rim.

Sir Richard said he was "delighted" with the results. The only negative was the strong pound, which is likely to reduce profits by £20 million this year. Loss-making operations in Canada continue to disappoint.

Pre-tax profits rose 10.9 per cent to £1.1 billion, on turnover up 8.7 per cent to £7.8 billion. The fast-growing financial services arm contributed £76 million to group profit, reflecting rising sales of unit trusts and Peps, and a thriving trade in personal loans. But M&S has no plans to follow J. Sainsbury and Tesco into full-blown banking ventures.

Other UK highlights include home catalogue sales, up 115 per cent year-on-year. The foods business is suffering the effects of price deflation, brought on by the strength of the pound. M&S imports a greater proportion of fresh food than its high street competitors. Food sales rose 5.5 per cent, to £2.7 billion. The group retained its market share and maintained margins.

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Operating profits in Europe rose 17.8 per cent, to £38 million, on turnover up 12.3 per cent to £552 million. New stores opened in Germany, France and Ireland, and M&S made a successful debut in Istanbul. Franchises across the Asia-Pacific sector performed well, and a partner is being sought in Australia.

Headline earnings per share rose 10.3 per cent, to 26.8p. A final dividend of 9.7p a share makes a total of 13p (11.4p) for the year, up 14 per cent on the previous year. The shares slipped 16p to 493p.

Analysts welcomed the figures, but expressed disappointment at the absence of a trading statement. Forecasts have been downgraded slightly to take account of currency considerations. William Cullum, European retail analyst at Banque Paribas, said M&S was on the way to becoming the world's first global retailer.

Howard Davies, who takes over as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, will decide what disciplinary powers the watchdog should have

Brown recruits CBI to University of Industry

By Alasdair Murray

THE Government is to set up an enterprise and growth unit within the Treasury that will work with business to improve Britain's economic record.

Gordon Brown, in his first speech as Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Confederation of British Industry last night that partnership between British industry and the Government is crucial to the country's long-term success.

He invited his business audience to join the Government in creating a University of Industry to make "lifelong learning a possibility for everyone". The Chancellor also revealed that he has recruited Alan Sugar, the often abrasive chairman of Amstrad and Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, to travel the country to speak to young people interested in business.

Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, will head the new Treasury unit, which will attempt to remove barriers to growth and productivity. Mr Brown said the Government wanted to avoid pursuing "Whitehall-knows-best" policies and become a "friend and supporter of all that is best in British entrepreneurial culture". He emphasised the recent appointments to the Treasury — of Sir David Simon, former chairman of British Petroleum, Malcolm Bates, the former deputy managing director of GEC, and Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays — as evidence of the Government's commitment to partnership.

Mr Brown added that Mr Sugar would boost this business team, bringing "his wealth of experience and knowledge to offer to our next generation of entrepreneurs".

Mr Sugar, who built his business from the back of a van to an empire once worth £1.5 billion, is known for his plain-speaking. In 1989, he told an audience: "Securicor says it cares, Marks & Spencers says the customer is king, but at Amstrad we say we want your money."

The Chancellor compared the creation of the University of Industry with the founding of the Open University in the 1960s. The University will use the latest technology to ensure courses are available at home and in the workplace. Mr Brown emphasised his "iron-Chancellor" credentials and the Government's more open approach to Europe: "Without stability, and the prospect of future stability, businesses cannot plan confidently or effectively for the long term."

Tough rules will be set for government borrowing and spending, while a plan for deficit reduction over the medium term will also be published. Mr Brown said welfare and employment policies would be structured to help to restore the work ethic.

Britain, he said, should have more confidence to engage with Europe "and make it better", and he looked forward to hearing the views of British business on the single currency.

As part of the Government's plan to increase transparency in economic policy making, the Chancellor also confirmed that the National Audit Office has been asked to investigate the assumptions and conventions used by the Treasury Forecasting Unit.

The report is due to be completed in about two weeks, allowing Mr Brown time to take into account the NAO's conclusions before the mini-Budget, expected on June 10. Mr Brown added that an independent audit will take place before future Budgets.

The Government has accepted the advice of KPMG, the accountancy firm, that privatisation of the Treasury Forecasting Unit would not provide value for money. Instead, there will be a review of KPMG recommendations for internal reforms, which include increasing the number of private-sector secondments.

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Darling seeks to convert the City

By Robert Miller

ALISTAIR DARLING, the Chief Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is to embark on an urgent mission to sell his wholesale reforms of City regulation to the Square Mile.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, may have made the surprise announcement to a packed House of Commons but Mr Darling is the architect of the reforms to banking and financial services regulation.

Mr Darling told *The Times* last night that the Treasury decided to act with a speed that took everyone by surprise when it became clear that senior staff at the City watchdogs were being poached by the private sector because of uncertainty over their future. The City too had expressed concern over how they would be policed in the future although the initial reaction yesterday was favourable.

The Treasury Minister said the fine detail over implementation of the proposed new legislation would need to be considered carefully. Issues such as whether mortgages and healthcare plans will be covered by the new Act, likely to be included in the next Parliament starting in November 1998, will have to be considered. Uncoupling prudential supervision of banks from the Bank of England must also be meticulously planned. Sir Andrew Large, the outgoing chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, will work closely with Howard Davies, the present Deputy Governor of the Bank of England who will succeed Sir Andrew at the end of July.

Mr Davies will decide what disciplinary powers the new-style SIB should have.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4607.5	(-37.7)
Yield	3.54%	
FTSE All share	2196.14	(-15 77)
Nikkei	20332.83	(-156 92)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7162.94	(-65 94)*
S&P Composite	827.12	(-6.15)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{5}{8}$%*	(5[illegible]%)
Long Bond	$96\frac{1}{32}$*	(96[illegible])
Yield	6.94%*	(6.92%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{13}{32}$%	($6\frac{13}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$113\frac{15}{32}$	($113\frac{7}{16}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6445*	(1.6395)
London:		
$	1.6457	(1.6386)
DM	2.7893	(2.7973)
FFr	9.3948	(9.4184)
SFr	2.3142	(2.3402)
Yen	187.06	(190.37)
£ Index	99.0	(99.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.6953*	(1.7080)
FFr	5.7085*	(5.7545)
SFr	1.4070*	(1.4275)
Yen	113.75*	(115.62)
$ Index	101.5	(102.4)

Tokyo close Yen 112.18

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$20.20	($20.20)

GOLD

London close	$343.05	($341.25)

* denotes midday trading price

US interest rates left unchanged

SHARES on Wall Street bounced back from heavy losses after the US Federal Reserve decided to leave interest rates unchanged. The Dow Jones had fallen 75 points before the Fed's decision but recovered to register a gain of 17.3 points to 7,246.18. Traders said the Fed must believe that the US economy will slow later this year, adding that it appeared to clear the way for a further rally in share prices.

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Beckett to head Japan initiative

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government will respond to Conservative election attacks today by reassuring Japanese inward investors over Britain's role in Europe under a Labour administration.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is to head a delegation to Japan at the weekend with a clear aim of rebutting charges that a Labour Government's policies would reduce investment in the UK by Japanese and other foreign companies.

The Government will also announce today that it is reversing the last government's plans to limit official financial help to UK companies taking part in international trade fairs, a move that will be welcomed by British exporters who have protested bitterly against it.

In Japan Mrs Beckett aims to secure Britain's standing as a key area for Japanese investment, and to help British exports there. She will hold talks with Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, and senior ministers from the Ministry of Finance and from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, the Japanese equivalent of the DTI.

She will also hold talks with Eiji Toyoda, honorary chairman of the Toyota Motor Corporation, in his capacity as head of the Keidanren, the Japanese equivalent of the Confederation of British Industry, as well as leading players from the Japanese financial services sector.

☐ The Government intends to run its new jobs programme to help the unemployed for longer than the one-off windfall tax that will fund it. Ministers also intend to press for flexibility in European employment law and to ensure that UK firms are not hit retrospectively by measures already in the European social chapter.

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New doubts over BA-American link

By Philip Bassett and Jon Ashworth

A MEETING in London yesterday between Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, and Karel van Miert, the EU competition commissioner, raised doubts about the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines.

Mrs Beckett would not be drawn on the discussions but said the planned alliance "does raise issues that people will have to address". The talks covered a variety of competition policy issues. In particular, they focused on the Government's planned reform of competition policy in the wake of a review being carried out by Lord Borrie, former Director-General of Fair Trading. They examined how the proposed reforms would fit with current EU competition law and policy.

Mr van Miert has been an outspoken critic of the planned BA-American link-up, which is being investigated in London, Washington and Brussels. He has argued that the proposed agreement would damage competition on key routes between America and the UK.

BA and American are pressing for a speedy decision on the link-up, pointing to the Star Alliance, a grouping of five airlines led by United Airlines and Lufthansa.

Last year, the Office of Fair Trading recommended that BA and American be allowed to proceed as long as the carriers gave up 168 slots at Heathrow. Rivals, among them Richard Branson's Virgin, say that the measures do not go far enough.

☐ US Airways, formerly USAir, is to repurchase BA's 24.6 per cent stake in the company. BA wrote back £125 million in provisions against its stake in USAir in the year to end-March, largely cancelling out restructuring costs linked to its efficiency drive.

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Norwich Union seeks record £1.2bn

Bridgewater: roadshow

By Martin Waller

NORWICH UNION, the insurer, will today launch the largest share issue to retail investors in British history, aiming to sell shares worth as much as £1.2 billion to its 2.9 million members.

Norwich Union is already handing 1.3 billion free shares to members in return for their vote in favour of its demutualisation, a necessary preliminary to this summer's stock market float.

The insurer must raise another £1.75 billion in fresh cash, almost all of which will be paid into its with-profits fund. In addition, a further tranche of shares, going to members living outside the UK and so not eligible to hold them, must be sold on their behalf and proceeds returned to them. As a result, Norwich Union needs to sell £2.4 billion worth of shares into the market in coming weeks. As much as half of these will go to existing members, depending on demand, and they will be offered a hefty discount to the price the City pays to encourage them to buy.

That City price will be set in a bookbuilding issue, with the big institutional investors putting in bids. It will be set on June 15, the day before the shares are listed for the first time, but the size of the discount in percentage terms that will be offered to retail buyers will be announced today.

At the same time, Allan Bridgewater, the chief executive, will start a three-week institutional roadshow aimed at selling the shares to the City. Observers think the extra shares to members will have to be priced cheaply, given the sheer size of the offer. A discount of 10 to 12 per cent to the price the City is paying is seen in some quarters as essential if the flotation is to be a success.

There is concern that members being offered free shares may not wish to put up their own money for more, even if Norwich is widely seen as a bid candidate. One analyst said that too high a discount could bring its own problems. If those members who buy the new shares get them too cheaply, then those forced by circumstance to sell could have cause for grievance, he noted.

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UK moves into top ten on global output rating

By Alasdair Murray

BRITAIN has climbed to seventh place in the global competitiveness "league", according to a report published today by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The Forum said that the success of long-term restructuring measures such as privatisation and deregulation had helped Britain make the leap from 15th place last year.

The top ten placing is in stark contrast to the World Prosperity League rating, produced by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which last year showed Britain slipping from 13th to 16th place.

Labour has repeatedly claimed that in reality Britain is in 18th place because the OECD survey excludes Hong Kong and Singapore. The Government also pointed yesterday to a White Paper last year that described the WEF survey as "unreliable".

The WEF's annual *Global Competitiveness Report* seeks to determine which countries have the greatest ability to achieve sustained high rates of economic growth. The report ranks 53 countries, which are responsible for more than 90 per cent of the world's industrial output, using 153 criteria ranging from infrastructure and technology through to business management and regulation.

Singapore and Hong Kong were first and second in the table for the second year running, with the WEF commending the two countries for *their all-round competitive* economies. But the report suggests that growth in the Asian "tiger economies" may be starting to slow, although it will remain high by international standards.

The United States — third in the table — continues to be the best-performing large economy, maintaining a strong lead in technology and management. Its neighbour Canada jumped from eighth to fourth place, after its success in reducing the budget deficit.

The strongest European performers, the UK aside, were The Netherlands, up from 17th to 12th, and Ireland, which moved from 26th to 16th as its strong growth pattern continued. But the Forum criticises the other major European economies for declining *competitiveness* because of rigid labour market and welfare policies. Germany has slipped three places to 25th, France remained static at 23rd, while Italy moved up two places to rank 39.

Among the emerging markets, Indonesia has jumped from 30th to 15th, while China climbed from 36th to 29th.

Racal pulls out of PFI project

Racal, the electronics business, has pulled out of a flagship private finance initiative after talks with the Home Office failed to convince it that it could make a decent return on the project to build a radio network for police forces.

The company withdrew from the the project, which could have been worth up to £1.5 billion, because the "commercial viability over the long term is open to doubt".

It was in a consortium with three other companies and its exit from the Public Safety Radio Communications Project leaves *BT as likely to become the* winner of the work.

Disney posts

Euro Disney, the theme park operator, has announced a fresh round of boardroom changes. Philippe Misteli, former head of worldwide strategy at Unilever, has been made senior vice-president and chief financial officer. Laurence Berman-Clement becomes vice-president of strategic planning and corporate alliances and Jean-Luc Chretien vice-president, distribution.

Mercury deal

Mercury Communications yesterday won a government telecoms contract worth £5 million in the first year and as much as £100 million over five years with the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

Rosyth order

The owner of Rosyth Dockyard has won a refit order worth £40 million for *HMS Exeter*, the destroyer. The refit is expect*ed to take about a year and* will employ more than 400 people.

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David Codling, chief executive of Hozelock, at the Chelsea Flower Show before the garden products company's announcement of interim profits of £3.1 million (£3.3 million last time) on turnover of £22 million (£20.9 million). He said he was confident about prospects for the year in spite of threats of water restrictions, and said the company had made an excellent start to the gardening season. Earnings per share were 8.5p (9.2p). *The interim dividend is 3.4p (3.1p).*

Gas price plan angers rivals

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE gas regulator is expected to allow BGT, the demerged British Gas supply operation, to cut some prices in the South West where it competes with other suppliers for household customers.

The decision, which is likely to come with several caveats on how BGT can offer discounts, will anger rival gas companies who do not believe competition has been properly established. BGT still retains about 80 per cent of the 500,000 customers in the South West, which became the first area to start competition in April last year.

Calortex, the leading independent gas supplier in the South West, has petitioned John Battle, the Minister for Energy, ahead of the ruling, which could come by the end of the week. In a letter to Mr Battle it said: "Domestic market liberalisation will be a failure if less than 50 per cent of the market moves to alternative suppliers, since simple arithmetic dictates that one cannot have a multiplicity of major players if one supplier remains totally dominant."

Calortex went on: "There is a great deal at stake if gas market liberalisation fails as this will then inevitably create little confidence in future deregulation programmes such as electricity."

Turkey refuses to arrest Asil Nadir

By Jason Nisse and Andrew Finkel

THE Turkish police yesterday refused to arrest Asil Nadir, who was holding court in an exclusive Istanbul hotel, despite a request from the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) to *detain the fugitive tycoon* should he return to Turkey.

Nadir, who fled the UK four years ago after being charged with theft and false accounting, flew to Istanbul from northern Cyprus, making good a promise he made earlier this month.

The SFO passed a formal "red notice" to the Turkish police via Interpol to arrest Nadir and hold him so he could be extradited. Turkey recently signed the European Convention on Extradition, which allow suspects to be extradited if their alleged crimes carry a sentence of more than 12 months.

However, Ihsan Yilmazturk, the head of the Turkish police's Interpol division, refused, saying: "It is not possible for a Turkish citizen to be extradited to the country in question, no matter what his crime may be."

Nadir, who was yesterday at the Bosphorus Pasha Hotel, said he had returned to Turkey to challenge "those who have constrained my business activities in the past." This is believed to be a reference to Coopers & Lybrand, the administrators of Polly Peck, Nadir's former company, which last week put up for sale two Turkish businesses owned by Polly Peck.

Chris Barlow, a partner at Coopers, said the administrators were forced to fight more than 30 legal actions by Nadir, spending more than $1 million in legal fees, before these business could be put on sale. He described the failure to arrest Nadir as "a pretty disgraceful state of affairs."

The Turkish Embassy in northern Cyprus is reported to have recently re-issued Mr Nadir with a passport to replace the one that was confiscated when he returned to England from Turkey in December 1990, prior to his arrest by the SFO.

Booker raises £57m by food group sale

BOOKER, the food group, has raised £57 million from the sale of its prepared foods group to a management team backed by 3i, the venture capital group. The management team will operate as Prize Foods Group and includes David Sims and Michael Russell, formerly chief executive and finance director of Nurdin and Peacock, a company acquired by Booker.

The prepared foods group supplies British retailers with a range of own label products such as sandwiches, fresh and frozen sausages, meat pies and frozen ready meals. In the year to December 31, the prepared foods group had sales of £141.7 million, generating a £6.3 million operating profit. Charles Bowen, chief executive of Booker, said: "When we announced the acquisition of Nurdin & Peacock we stated our aim of reducing debt by £100 million, without taking account of any business disposals, by the end of 1998. We remain confident of achieving this target and the proceeds of this disposal will enable us to reduce debt still further."

Cordiant gives warning

CORDIANT, the advertising group that is splitting into three independent businesses, gave warning yesterday that the pound's strength against major European currencies will affect half-year results, due in August. No estimate of the effect was given. The company said at its annual meeting that first-quarter revenue rose *by 5 per cent, based on constant* exchange rates. New accounts, including Delta Airlines, Telefonica and Westpac Banking, provided about a fifth of the growth.

Casuals to sell

COUNTRY CASUALS has agreed to sell Elvi and Lerose, its two loss-making women's clothing divisions, while confirming that Mark and Christina Bunce, its founders, intend to bid for the slimmed-down company. Elvi and Lerose have been bought by their management for a nominal sum leaving the company with a £5 million writedown. It has offered a £1 million interest-free loan million to Elvi, and plans to recoup the cost by selling its freehold on their properties.

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Abacus forecasts upturn

ABACUS POLAR, the distributor of electronic products, said there are signs the market deterioration of the past 18 months may finally have been arrested. However, the timing of an upturn remained unclear, with the strength of sterling having an adverse impact on exports. Abacus reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £4.8 million from £4.5 million in the half year to *March 31. Earnings per share were 7p (7.3p). The* interim dividend rises to 2p a share from 1.8p.

NEC's £65m expansion

MORE THAN 2,000 jobs are to be created with a £65 million expansion of the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Four halls, which should be ready for use in September 1998, will be added, taking the total to 20 and available floor space to 190,000 square metres. The joint project with Emap Business Communications marks the first occasion that the NEC has attracted private-sector investment and will bring an estimated £100 million-a-year boost to the West Midlands economy.

TBI buys US airport

TBI, the UK property investment and airport management company, has acquired Central Florida Terminals Inc, which owns and operates Orlando Sanford International Airport, for an initial $7 million. The airport opened in April 1996 and handled 673,000 passengers in its first year, almost exclusively UK holidaymakers flying with Airtours, Thomson and UK Leisure to Disney World and the Florida beaches. TBI has agreed to pay the vendors an earn-out over ten years.

First loss for Sumitomo

SUMITOMO, hurt by massive copper trading losses, yesterday announced its first annual loss since the giant trading house was founded in 1919. In the year to March 31 net losses were 148.63 billion yen (£794 million), compared with net profits of ¥16.28 billion in the previous 12 months. In June 1996 Sumitomo admitted that it had lost $2.6 billion as a result of a decade of unauthorised copper trading by Yasuo Hamanaka, its former star trader.

Jarvis Porter down

PRE-TAX profits at Jarvis Porter, the labels and leaflets company, fell to £10.39 million from £14.1 million in the year to February 28. Reorganisation cost £2 million and profit margins were affected by more competitive pricing. At the operating level profits eased to £13 million from £14 million despite turnover rising to £95.4 million from £91 million. Earnings were 14.6p a share (20p). The total dividend rises to 7.35p a share from 6.75p, with a 5p final.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.08	Malta	0.659	0.602
Austria Sch	20.53	18.98	Netherlds Gld	3.313	3.035
Belgium Fr	60.48	55.85	New Zealand $	2.53	2.30
Canada $	2.372	2.197	Norway Kr	12.14	11.28
Cyprus Cyp£	0.869	0.802	Portugal Esc	292.00	271.50
Denmark Kr	11.15	10.33	S Africa Rd	8.03	7.11
Finland Mkk	8.91	8.21	Spain Pta	245.00	227.50
France Fr	9.81	9.09	Sweden Kr	13.20	12.17
Germany Dm	2.94	2.71	Switzerland Fr	2.46	2.25
Greece Dr	468	431	Turkey Lira	237285	218752
Hong Kong $	13.46	12.33	USA $	1.742	1.608
Iceland	127	107			
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.04			
Israel Shk	5.91	5.26			
Italy Lira	2907	2685			
Japan Yen	200.80	184.40			

Rates for small denomination bank notes supplied by Barclays Bank. Other rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Classical music beats slip in sales

By Eric Reguly

A DOWNTURN in overall music sales masked surprisingly buoyant demand for classical music, according to figures released yesterday by the British Phonographic Industry. Classical music, in spite of the popularity of the Spice Girls, is gaining market share for the first time since the 1980s.

Sales of classical music in all formats in the first quarter of the year were £15.1 million, up 11 per cent on the same period of 1996. This marked the second successive quarter in which classical sales outperformed the market as a whole.

Price increases on albums, cassettes and CDs were behind the rise: the number of units sold was flat, at 3.37 million. In unit terms, classical music has 8.2 per cent of the market, up from 7.6 per cent.

Adiemus II — Cantata Mundi was the top-selling classical title in the quarter, followed by the soundtrack for the film *Shine* and *The Greatest Classical Movie Album*.

The total of albums sold in all music categories fell by 7.1 per cent, to 41.4 million — the first quarterly fall since 1992. The continued decline of cassette sales and a lack of exciting releases were behind the downturn.

Abell takes Jourdan helm without bid

DAVID ABELL, former chairman of Suter, has won control of Thomas Jourdan, maker of the Corby Trouser Press, without making a formal offer for the company (Fraser Nelson writes).

At Jourdan's annual meeting yesterday, Mr Abell's supporters — who already spoke for 39 per cent of the shares — threw out the board with 75 per cent of the vote. Mr Abell was made chairman.

Keith Whitten, ousted as chief executive, said he was astonished that institutions had not pressed Mr Abell to *make a formal cash bid.*

Jourdan shares — 22p in January — eased 1½p to 62p.

Ernie shortens the odds on winning a prize

By Caroline Merrell

THE 23 million people who have invested £8.1 billion in Premium Bonds will have a much greater chance of winning a prize from the beginning of next month.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first Premium Bond draw, National Savings is cutting the odds on winning any prize, including the top £1 million prize, to 1 in 19,000. *The odds will be fixed at this* level. Previously, odds fluctuated on a month-by-month basis according to the number of bonds held.

These new odds are considerably shorter than those of winning the National Lottery jackpot — 1 in 14 million. However, the biggest jackpot win was £23 million.

Apart from the monthly £1 million prize, premium bonds also pay out prizes worth between £50 and £100,000 on a monthly basis. For June, National Savings is planning to pay out 430,000 tax-free prizes worth £32 million. In the 40-year history of premium bonds, 57 million prizes worth £3.5 billion have been paid out. Premium bonds have also been responsible for the creation of 38 millionaires.

National Savings says that sales of premium bonds have been boosted by the lottery creating greater interest in all forms of gambling. In April net sales of premium bonds reached £160 million. National Savings pointed out that bonds are particularly attractive at the moment because low inflation and interest rates mean their encashment value is not eroded.

As part of the 40-year celebrations, National Savings also compared the costs of splashing out in 1957 and 1997. In 1957 a double room at the Savoy Hotel with dinner, but no wine, would have cost £7. Now it would cost £309.75. A return flight to Paris in 1957 was £8; today £95.

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INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that David Harry Gilbert of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 9 May 1997 by the members and creditors.

Dated May 15 1997
David Harry Gilbert Liquidator

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed to act as Liquidator of Churchville UK Limited on 2 May 1997 by an Order of the Secretary of State dated 29 April 1997

M W YOUNG - LIQUIDATOR
DATED this 15 day of May 1997

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Sco-Pak Soft Drinks Limited
Registered number 854045
Nature of business Food, Drink and Tobacco Manufacturers
Trade classification 04
Date of appointment of administrative receivers 25 April 1997
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers
Barclays Bank PLC
Roger Murray Griffiths and Trevor Nigel Birch
Joint Administrative Receivers
office holder nos. 005407 and 008086
Address
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The Insolvency Act 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S D Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members on 14th May 1997. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 11th June 1997 to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, S.D. Swaden, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

The Company is known to be able to pay all of its creditors in full.

Dated this 14th May 1997
S.D. SWADEN FCA, Liquidator

POWERGEN CHP LTD NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT AT BRIDGEWATER PAPER COMPANY, ELLESMERE PORT, IN THE BOROUGH OF ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON.

Notice is hereby given that PowerGen CHP Ltd has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to construct and operate a Combined Heat and Power Plant at Bridgewater Paper Company, Ellesmere Port in the Borough of Ellesmere Port and Neston. The Section 36 area lies within the following grid reference: SJ 3900 7880.

The new Combined Heat and Power Plant (CHP Plant), will have a total electrical capacity of up to approx. 66 Megawatts (MWe) and a thermal output capacity of approx. 105 Megawatts (MWth). The new CHP Plant will comprise new equipment including a gas turbine, a steam turbine, a waste heat boiler and five stand by boilers and associated auxiliaries. The plant will include a new gas pipeline to bring gas to site from the National Transmission System and this is subject to a separate planning application.

A plan showing the land to which the application relates, together with copies of the Environmental Statement and Non Technical Summary which discuss the development in detail and present an analysis of the environmental implications are available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours at the following addresses:

Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, Planning Department, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, L65 0BB.
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Chester Library, Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2EF.

Copies of the Environmental Statement and Non Technical Summary can be obtained from the Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, Planning Department, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, L65 0BB, whilst stocks last. Further copies can be obtained (for which a discretionary charge of £40 per copy may be requested) by writing to R J Kennett, PowerGen CHP Ltd, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, Coventry CV4 8LG.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Electricity Director, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET, stating the name of the project and the grounds for the objection not later than 30 June 1997. It is requested that a copy of any such objection is sent to R J Kennett, Managing Director, PowerGen CHP Ltd, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, CV4 8LG.

Signed R J Kennett, Managing Director, PowerGen CHP Ltd.

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(b) The amount of the permissable capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £1,700,465.

(c) The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 12th May 1997 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Eastway Fulwood, Preston PR2 9WS; and

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The State Library of South Australia wishes to make contact with the heirs to the estate of Herbert Wood MacKinney who died on 8 March 1953 and whose last known address was 34 Luxford Road, Lindfield, R.H. Sussex. We are especially interested in the whereabouts of a son D.W. MacKinney or his heirs. Would anyone with relevant information, please contact Ms Carolyn Spooner, State Library of South Australia, email address carolyns@slsa.sa.gov.au or telephone 61-8-8207 7357 or fax 61-08-8207 7351, as a matter of urgency.

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Regulators back in the melting pot

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

The Bank of England deserves to be shorn of reponsibility for the prudential supervision of banks. The roll call of UK bank failures, although spectacular, is short. But the public lost faith in the central bank's supervisory skills, because they were clearly the poor relation in the Old Lady's family of priorities.

Top Bank people have long gravitated to the more glamorous world of macroeconomic policy and international currency affairs. That tendency has been reinforced by Gordon's Brown's seemingly generous, but probably temporary, offer of power over interest and exchange rates. The health of the financial system also took precedence, producing a fatal paradox. The supervisor thought it good for banks to go bust from time to time to maintain competitive discipline.

Appointing the ambitious and open-minded Howard Davies as Deputy Governor offered a final chance to escape this *cul de sac*. But Mr Davies toed the Threadneedle Street line, arguing that it was wrong to adopt prevention of failure as a guideline for supervision.

Investors must hope that Mr Davies does not stick to this philosophy in his new job as chairman of a hugely expanded Securities and Investments Board. The idea that a few pension funds should fail *pour encourager les autres* is not likely to inspire the average saver's respect.

At this early stage, the more likely threat is that a unified authority will be too bureaucratic and stifle innovation, the key to London's primacy. This would not be policy but the result of caution as the new body struggled to come to terms with a Himalayan mountain range of electronic paperwork.

The Personal Investment Authority, a more modest newcomer, had its eye off the ball because it was preoccupied with setting itself up. Yet it drowned thousands of independent financial advisers in the time and money costs of regulation. The new body could easily stop thousands of solicitors and accountants doing a modicom of investment business.

Most aggrieved investors, harassed regulators or frustrated ombudsfolk might agree that the there are now too many bodies involved and that two tiers are one tier too many. But Mr Brown has aroused uncertainty, not calmed it, by his announcement 18 months ahead of what should emerge as a detailed White Paper. Everyday issues such as the role of exchanges and regulation of mortgages are lost in the big picture.So is the status of the new SIB. A US-style regime, as opposed to one merely "underpinned by statute", could deploy the law more effectively than the Stock Exchange can over insider trading. Standards of proof are in any case soaring in self-regulation. With luck, the SIB would also be responsible to the Government, so that some future Michael Howard could sack its boss if too many investors were being made fools of.

Sugar leaves a sour taste

Was it Chancellor Gordon Brown or comedian Rory Bremner who told the CBI dinner that Alan Sugar was about to depart on a tour of Britain's schools to foster the entrepreneurial spirit? Could it really have been the dour, brown-tied, Chancellor producing one of the more amusing lines of the evening?

It was certainly a revelation guaranteed to startle the stuffier shirts at the gathering. Heaven knows what effect a visitation from Mr Sugar will have on the country's impressionable youngsters.

The Government, dashing helter skelter from restructuring City regulation to plotting its first speedy Budget has also found time to embrace entrepreneurship in a flurry of flowery language which translates as the view that wealth creation is A Good Thing. But is Mr Sugar the ideal ambassador for this notion — or any other?

Sugar has indeed demonstrated a fine entrepreneurial spirit. It was in evidence when he first started selling TV sets from his Hackney home and, depending on your definitions, was equally apparent when, a few years ago, he decided to try to take his publicly quoted company, Amstrad, private. Shareholders had a nasty suspicion that the major beneficiary from this move would be one A Sugar, and refused to sell.

They were not convinced that such a quick-witted individual had run out of ideas to develop their company further. Perhaps it was their intransigence that forced Mr Sugar back into his thinking cap, but he managed to come up with a potentially highly profitable new product in a remarkably short time. That's a true entrepreneur in operation.

School children will surely be transfixed if Mr Sugar tells them such tales of commercial derring do in his normal colourful language.

If they manage to get him on the subject of Tottenham Hotspur and his little legal battles with Terry Venables, they will realise that a business career need not be dull. But it is highly debatable whether Mr Sugar would have benefited from a spell at the enterprise university, which is about to be established. The millionaire paymaster general managed very well without its help. This is an institution with a resoundingly hollow ring to it.

Perhaps it escaped from Mr Bremner's script.

Brown could prove a mutual friend

Helen Shapiro, the Sixties singing star, will tonight entertain delegates at the Building Societies Association Conference dinner in her new sophisticated jazz style.

The 72 societies are hoping to similarly update their image, persuading the public that the centuries-old tradition of mutuality can flourish for decades yet. New Labour. New Mutualism.

The societies are striving to retain their existing clientele with lower mortgage rates and improved savers' rates. These are not as attractive as a four-figure bundle of free shares from a converting society. But here Chancellor Brown may be about to help. Before the election, Labour discussed the idea of a demutualisation windfall levy, taxing the payout billions. Presumably this was not mentioned during the election as it would have sounded too much like a tax increase on one household in three.

However, Labour could make the case that these bumper payouts showed that demutualising societies (and insurers too) were awash with cash to which the needy Government was entitled to a share. It could add that the sums for distribution did not belong to current members but had been amassed over generations.

Society bosses will not have a chance to question the Government on this proposal: no minister will be addressing the conference. But if windfalls rather than utilities are the real target, the demutualisers have produced an orchard full.

Bright sparks

☐ MARKS & SPENCER has built a financial services business that lifted its profits by close to 30 per cent in the last year. But it still contributes only £76 million of the group's total profits, now comfortably over the £1 billion mark. M&S makes the bulk of its money out of selling products the public wants to buy. If it is not rushing to offer bank accounts, one wonders why Sainsbury and Tesco find the prospect so attractive.

London Clubs sees Beckett as a safe bet on Capital bid

By Paul Durman

LONDON CLUBS International does not believe the Blair Government threatens its chances of being able to proceed with its £185 million bid for Capital Corporation, the rival casinos group.

The hostile takeover cannot proceed until the Monopolies and Mergers Commission completes its investigation into London's casino market, probably in early July. If the MMC rejects the proposed deal, London Clubs's hopes of acquiring Capital would rest with Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. Mrs Beckett is reportedly in favour of tougher controls on contested takeovers.

Alan Goodenough, chief executive of London Clubs, said Labour had shown itself to be "fairly sympathetic" towards the gaming industry. He is hopeful that the Government will relax restrictions that limit the number of slot machines allowed in casinos — although he fears this move may have to wait because of the extent of new legislation planned in other areas.

London Clubs and Capital presented their case to the MMC on Monday. London Clubs says casino gambling is international, with the important "high-rollers" able to go to Las Vegas, Monte Carlo or elsewhere. The dominance that it would have in London from taking over Capital is irrelevant, it maintains. Mr Goodenough said the tone of the meeting with the MMC was "very constructive", and he was pleased to find it more discursive and informal than he had expected.

London Clubs was reporting pre-tax profits up from £33.3 million to £35.2 million for the 53 weeks to the end of March. The underlying operating profits rose 9 per cent to £37.5 million. The results were hit by the £1.1 million spent so far on the Capital bid.

The company enjoyed a good end to its year after high-spending gamblers returned to Les Ambassadeurs and the Ritz Club in greater numbers in February and March. Les Ambassadeurs produced an "outstanding result", but profits from the Ritz were hit by the unusually low take. Mr Goodenough said this was one of the anomalies that casinos can experience.

A final dividend of 5.625p a share will be paid on July 31, for a 8.25p (7.75p) total.

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ALAN WELLER

Flying start: Jim Bloom, chairman, and Martin Davey, chief executive, of Cranswick, the pet food manufacturer, revealed trading in the current year had got off to a good start. They also announced a 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4 million in the year to the end of March and a rise in the total dividend to 10.2p (9.2p). Earnings are 19.5p (15.6p) a share. The shares rose 8p to 261½p.

Sainsbury drafts in Hoare

J SAINSBURY has beefed-up its team of City advisers by appointing Hoare Govett Corporate Finance to work alongside SBC Warburg, its stockbroker since the supermarket group joined the stock market in 1973 (Paul Durman writes).

Sainsbury said the appointment of Hoare Govett as joint brokers was unconnected with criticism for the mistakes that allowed the group to be overtaken by Tesco. The malaise has caused Sainsbury's shares to perform badly.

Rosemary Thorne, group finance director, said that together Hoare Govett and Warburgs will "provide us with a team of outstanding expertise and service".

Poor communication with the City has been one aspect of Sainsbury's problems. One analyst said: "Having two people shouting the message might help them a bit. But it depends what the message is."

Kingfisher takes over Dutch firm

By Paul Durman

KINGFISHER is expanding its electrical retailing business into The Netherlands with the £33.6 million acquisition of BCC Holding Amstelveen, a private company with 17 stores in the Amsterdam and Rotterdam area.

Kingfisher already owns Comet in the UK and Darty in France. Last year, the group bought a 26 per cent stake in BUT, another French electrical retailer.

BCC has a 5 per cent share of the fragmented Dutch electrical market, putting it second to Megapool, the market leader. Philippe Francès, chief executive of Kingfisher Electrical Retailing, described BCC as a well-managed company with good growth opportunities.

In the year to March 31, BCC's pre-tax profit was 17.96 million guilders (£2.5 million).

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£250,000+	4.95	5.06
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£ 25,000+	4.35	4.44
£ 10,000+	4.05	4.13

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£ 10,000+	3.00	3.04
£ 1,000+	2.70	2.73
Below £1,000	2.45	2.48

Clients Call Account	Half Yearly Option		Monthly Option	
	Gross Rate %	Gross CAR %	Gross Rate %	Gross CAR %
£1,000,000+	4.35	4.40	4.31	4.40
£ 100,000+	4.10	4.14	4.07	4.15
£ 10,000+	3.60	3.63	3.57	3.63
£ 2,500+	3.05	3.07	3.03	3.07
Below £2,500	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.26

Treasurers Account	Gross %	Net %
£25,000+	3.45	2.76
£10,000+	3.25	2.60
£ 5,000+	2.60	2.08
£ 500+	2.40	1.92
Below £500	1.00	0.80

Deposit Account	Half Yearly Option		Monthly Option	
	Gross Rate %	Gross CAR %	Gross Rate %	Gross CAR %
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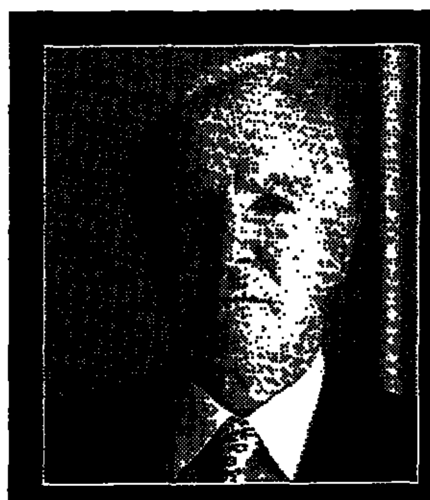

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- Second largest cable and MDS television signal distribution company (Irish Multichannel – 50% owned).

United Kingdom
- Wholly-owned operations achieved record growth in profitability.
- Largest publisher of paid-for regional titles in Greater London area.
- Leader in the London recruitment magazine market.
- Increased interest to 46.4% in Newspaper Publishing, London – publisher of 'The Independent' and the 'Independent on Sunday'.

New Zealand
- Increased interest to 62.8% in Wilson & Horton, the country's largest newspaper publisher by year end. Subsequently, increased interest to 85.6%.
- Increased circulation for re-designed New Zealand Herald.
- Investment in The Radio Network of New Zealand, the country's largest radio network, operating 56 radio stations, which commands some 60% of the radio advertising market.

South Africa
- Country's leading newspaper publisher with 51% of total newspaper market.
- Pre-tax profits grew 31%.
- Publishes 15 daily and weekly newspapers with an aggregate weekly circulation of 3.76 million copies.

Australia
- Largest regional newspaper publisher with 13 daily and more than 50 non-daily titles.
- Expanded its radio interests during the year to become the largest broadcaster in Australasia.
- Subsequent to year end, increased its interest to 51% in Cody Outdoor, Australia's largest premium transit outdoor advertising agency, and acquired Australian Posters, the outdoor advertising division of 3M Australia.

France
- Record profits at Sirocco, with national advertising revenues growing at more than double the industry average.
- Continued development at Sirocco International, a 50/50 venture with Havas Media Communications, the largest outdoor advertising company in France.

Portugal
- Increased interest to 16% in Jornalgeste, the leading national newspaper and commercial radio group.
- Increased circulation of titles representing 48% of national daily newspaper circulations.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	1996 IR£m	*1995 IR£m*	*Change*
Turnover	419	368	+ 14%
Operating Profit	67	49	+ 36%
Profit before Taxation	73	50	+ 47%
Earnings per Share	16.5p	14.5p	+ 14%
Dividends per Share	6.9p	5.8p	+ 18%
Shareholders' Funds	395	287	+ 37%

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Full financial statements for the year ended 27 December 1996 will be delivered to the Registrar of the Companies and carry an unqualified Audit Report.
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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares slip ahead of US interest rate decision

THE equity market was poised precariously above the *4,600 level last night after an* opening fall on Wall Street ahead of the American decision on interest rates.

In the event the Federal Open Market Committee left interest rates unchanged, but the decision came too late to help the London market. An early 75-point fall on the Dow Jones industrial average, on fears that the FOMC would raise rates, set the tone.

An early attempt by share prices in London to claw back some of Monday's losses in the wake of an overnight rally in New York and a successful outcome to the gilt auction was short-lived.

After touching 4,600.4, the market closed off the bottom with a fall of 37.7 at 4,607.5. Once again, selling pressure proved light with just 740 million shares changing hands by the close.

There could be a mixed start *to trading this morning in* shares of the big oil companies after a seminar on the industry in London yesterday.

Lasmo touched 251½p, at one stage, before ending 3p firmer at 246½p. **Enterprise Oil** shed 11p at 667p but is expected to go better today *after staging an impressive* performance along with **BP**, 2½p firmer at 721½p. But **Shell**, 4½p dearer at £11.55½, failed to make the grade and may encounter US selling.

Some of the smaller exploration companies enjoyed fresh support on the back of a bullish report on offshore exploration in the Falkland Islands by Matheson Investments. Beneficiaries included AIM-listed **Westmount Energy** through the Desire consortium, which closed 5p better at 102½p. Another company that is expected to benefit from increased investment in the sector is **Greenwich Resources**, unchanged at 21½p.

Full-year figures from **Marks & Spencer** were bang in line with brokers' expectations as profits topped the £1 billion mark for the first time. But the apparent lack of information about current trading was the excuse for the profit-takers to move after the recent strong run by the shares. The price finished the day 16p lower at 493p as almost eight million shares changed hands.

Geoff Shingles, chairman of VideoLogic, which fell 4½p

The proposed inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading left **Dixons** *nursing a fall of 18p at* 478p. This follows accusations that the company used strong-arm tactics to have competitors excluded from out-of-town shopping centres. Dixons has denied the claims.

Country Casuals has confirmed plans to dispose of the loss-making Elvi and Lerose subsidiaries to management buyouts. Mark and Christina Bunce have resigned from the company and intend to bid for the rest. The shares slipped 2½p to 111½p.

First-quarter figures from **Royal & SunAlliance** also met with a lukewarm reception. Despite the sharp recovery in profits, the price retreated 8½p to 481p.

Recent speculation among the rest of the insurance composites subsided with **Commercial Union**, a takeover favourite, sliding 12p to 720½p. **General Accident** also lost 23½p at 920p despite Lehman Brothers recommending to clients that the shares are set to "outperform". After last week's figures, Lehman is confident that the group will benefit from its acquisition programme.

News of reduced losses at **VideoLogic**, where Geoff Shingles is chairman, failed to impress brokers and left the price 4½p off at 42½p. The earnings accrued from royalties of its silicon designs have been slower than expected.

There were cracks appearing in the **Royal Doulton** share price as it slipped 1p to 278½p. The group has *confirmed it had been in talks* about a possible transaction, but had now decided not to proceed.

Wyndham Press rose 5p to 190½p after announcing plans to buy Argent Colour for almost £10 million in a deal which is earnings enhancing.

UK Estates rose 4½p to 27p as a large stake in the company changed hands at a premium to the ruling market price. After fighting off an unwanted bid earlier this year from Ashquay, the Gradel family has tightened its grip on the company. David Gradel, chairman of UKE, and brother Jack, president of the company, own 20 per cent of the equity each.

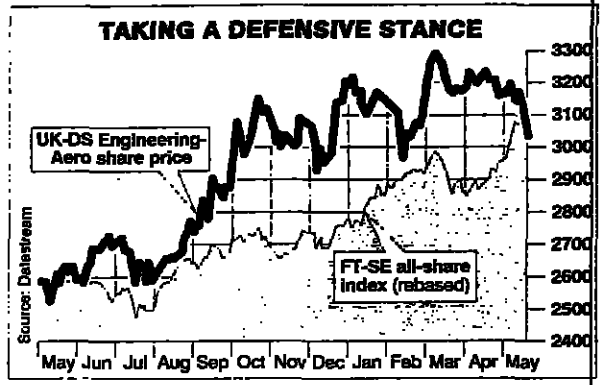
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The positive response to the first leg of this week's auction proved short-lived. Early gains gave way to a mixed close as investors waited anxiously for the outcome of the FOMC meeting.

The auction of £1.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 3.03 times oversubscribed with investors stumping up £4.39 billion. A further £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 will be auctioned tomorrow.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed a tick firmer at £113 15/32 as the total number of contracts completed reached 79,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished one tick better at £108 9/16, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was all-square at £103 9/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips remained subdued in quiet trade amid the uncertainty over the prospects for short-term interest rates. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 65.94 points at 7,162.94.



The threat by the German Chancellor to pull out of the European Fighter Project in order to meet the country's monetary targets caused turbulence among Britain's defence stocks. But brokers remain optimistic about a succesful conclusion for the project.

Barnaby Wiener at Merrill Lynch, the broker, said that investors should be unperturbed about prospects for the project, which is more or less certain to go ahead. "Anyone who has been following the situation will already know that the Germans have short-term funding problems," he said. "But there is no long-term concern about the project. There is no suggestion that it won't go ahead. The worst-case scenario would be if it went ahead without the Germans."

Worst hit was British Aerospace, down 44p at £12.07½ as turnover reached 5.5 million shares. But there were also setbacks for others, including Rolls-Royce, 8½p to 239½p; Smiths Industries, 15p to 740½p; and TI Group, 4½p to 521½p. Only GEC escaped the markdown, rising 4½p to 354p.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 7162.94 (-65.94)
S&P Composite 827.12 (-6.15)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20332.83 (-156.92)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 14122.37 (+13.55)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 787.45 (-6.85)

Sydney:
AO 2530.7 (-0.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 3543.43 (-61.12)

Singapore:
Straits 2053.99 (+3.05)

Brussels:
General 12648.83 (-65.02)

Paris:
CAC-40 2751.11 (-33.17)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 1044.10 (-11.80)

London:
FT 30 2961.9 (-16.4)
FTSE 100 4607.5 (-37.7)
FTSE 250 4489.0 (-21.4)
FTSE 350 2234.8 (-16.7)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 2337.33 (-5.28)
FTSE All-Share 2196.14 (-15.77)
FTSE Non Financials 2214.62 (-9.18)
FTSE Fixed Interest 120.96 (-0.01)
FTSE Govt Secs 96.72 (+0.12)
Bargains 47765
SEAQ Volume 740.6m
US$ 1.6453 (+0.0066)
German Mark 2.7896 (-0.0085)
Exchange Index 99.0 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU n/a
£:SDR 1.1776
RPI 156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 155.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	605½	- 2½
Aston Villa	855	- 35
Cable & Wirless	270	- 6½
Caradon B	99½	+ 2
Comino	147½	...
Donatantonio	86½	...
Downing Hlth VCT	100	...
Dragons Health	147½	...
Heart of Midlothian	137½	- 4
ITG Group	160½	+ ½
Integrated As Mgt	105	...
Lady in Leisure	122½	...
Longbridge Intl	119½	+ 2
M Currie I&G Cap	91½	...
M Currie I&G Inc	98	...
NMT (50)	47½	- 1½
Newmark Tech	13½	- ¼
Partners Hldgs	172½	...
Pennine AIM VCT II	100	...
Petra Diamonds	62½	- 5
Petra Diamonds Wts	39½	- 2
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Salehurst	122½	...
Soccer Investments	107½	- 1
Versalite Group	4	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

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Oxford Mol n/p (360)	21½	- 1
Rackwood Mn n/p (50)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
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Jardine Math 402½p (+12p)
Bodycote 727½p (+15p)
Powerscreen 633p (+10½p)
GKN 965p (+15½p)

FALLS:
Chrysalis 610p (-47½p)
Utd Assurance 482½p (-21p)
Molins 582½p (-25p)
Br Land 560½p (-23p)
Dixons Gp 478p (-18p)
Scotia 402½p (-15p)
Reckitt Colm 866p (-30p)
Legal & Gen 435p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Advertising up in smoke

THE conventional view of brands is that they are like tires with slow punctures. Forget to pump them up and you will be left stranded by the roadside. *This logic, perpetuated by the mythmakers* of the advertising industry, justifies the huge sums expended by tobacco companies on tricksy poster campaigns and sports sponsorship. However, cigarettes are rapidly becoming a commodity industry and the brands so much corporate vainglory.

Frank Dobson, Health Secretary, could be doing tobacco shareholders a favour if his Government prohibits cigarette advertising. So far, in the UK, advertising is doing little to help the leading brands, which are deflating rapidly. Since 1990, Gallaher has seen its trophy brands, Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut, lose a fifth of their market share. The winners have not been competing premium-priced cigarettes but cheap brands such as rival Imperial Group's, Lambert & Butler.

Advertising is therefore failing to achieve its *single purpose:* to generate sales. In the case of cigarettes, the money invested is not even preserving the status quo. In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration has produced evidence to show that the money saved by tobacco companies from restricting advertising more or less equals the value of lost sales. Yet, the tobacco barons would be happy to go on ploughing more money into publicity, *were they permitted to* do so. The reason is simple — the ads are aimed at promoting the culture of smoking, not the brands. As cigarette taxes rise and smokers turn to cheaper products, the brands will wither away but the cash flow to investors should remain solid.

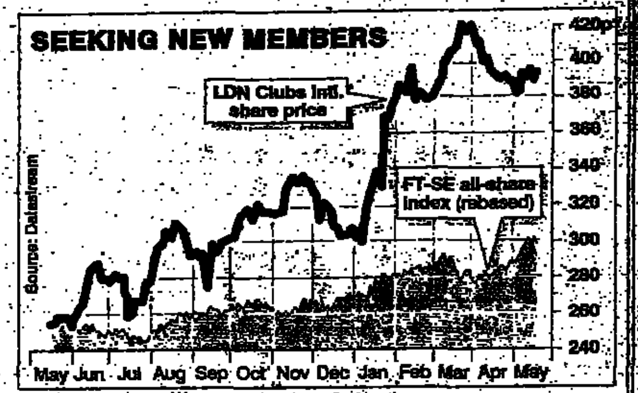
London Clubs

THE thought of a casino at Niagara Falls was exciting fans of London Clubs International yesterday. A temporary casino that was opened in December has been a huge success, drawing *20,000 gamblers a day to its* 200 gaming tables and 3,000 slot machines. With a Canadian partner, London Clubs is bidding for the right to run a permanent operation. The contract is worth millions of dollars a year, and the decision should be known by July.

Don't get carried away — London Clubs still faces competition from Hyatt Hotels and Donald Trump. What, however, is encouraging about the Niagara opportunity is that a small UK casino operator had enough stature to be invited to the party.

Yesterday's full-year figures were good, *showing 9* per cent growth in underlying operating profits. The high-rollers were back at Les Ambassadeurs and the Ritz Club recently, giving London Clubs a strong end to its year. The company's Egyptian casinos and the recently *reopened* Casino du Liban are also doing well.

This, and the licence se*cured on Monday* for a new casino in St James's, means that London Clubs has a future even if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission prevents another bid for Capital Corporation, its faltering rival. Yet, London Clubs trades on nearly 22 times this year's forecast earnings. That looks too expensive for newcomers.



Royal & SunAlliance

ROYAL & SunAlliance joined the long list of companies returning capital to shareholders yesterday, buying back just £72 million of its own stock before plunging in for another £290 million, probably this week.

Expectations of a buyback have kept its share price moving as have expectations that the merger between Royal and Sun Alliance will deliver huge cost savings. However, the last full-year picture was marred by restructuring costs and provisions against environmental claims, cutting profit from £1 billion to £648 million.

This year looks better. Mild weather in the US meant fewer claims to spoil yesterday's first quarter figures. Pre-tax profits of £209 million suggest full-year earnings of around £818 million. Talk of massive liability on tobacco company policies arranged in the Fifties hitting subsequent profits is premature. The share price is still likely to be weak after the buyback. The planned cost savings from the merger between Royal and Sun Alliance have yet to be crystallised too, leaving an element of doubt even though the company says they are on track. And a chance to focus firepower on the UK market, where the merger made most sense, may have been missed. A fair price is about 500p.

Convertibles

TRUST British Land to leap into an unexploited market. The environment for a euro-convertible bond is almost perfect. Sterling is strong, *long gilt yields are falling* and the equity market is bubbling upwards. An independent central bank reassures foreign investors that the currency will not be trashed, so demand for sterling issues is likely to rise.

Unfortunately for investors, there is plenty of demand but little supply. British Land's £300 million convertible bond is hitting a market which has halved in size over the last few years, with almost no recent issues worth mentioning. The problem is, that companies are flush with funds and are retiring old issues rather than raising new money. Meanwhile, a soaraway equity market has encouraged investors to convert their bonds into shares at the earliest opportunity.

The new Chancellor's Budget could still change the outlook but any attack on the ACT credit will further improve the outlook for bonds and that should help hybrid issues as well, where inves*tors can have their yield* with an equity sweetener. British Land could well start a fashion but we need to see some companies investing rather than throwing money back at shareholders.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1007-995	Jul	1065-1063
Jul	1025-1024	Sep	1076-1074
Sep	1044-1043	Dec	1096-1095
Dec	1035-1034	Mar	1100-1096
Mar	1044-1042		
May	1054-1052		Volume: 4175

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2015-2110	Jan	2095-2070
Jul	2175-2070	Mar	unq
Sep	2105-2100	May	
Nov	2115-2110		Volume: 5761

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	306.2-305.7
Spot: 323.0		May	306.6-305.0
Aug	319.9-318.6	Aug	302.2-301.0
Oct	308.5-308.0	Oct	301.2-300.0
Dec	306.2-305.5		Volume: 411

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	106.62	130.70	92.42
+/(-)	-4.04	-17.12	-0.25
Eng/Wales	105.79	130.90	92.78
+/(-)	-4.82	-17.35	0.19
Pigs no.	+2.0	+11.0	+16.0
Scotland	112.16	133.02	92.90
+/(-)	+0.24	-5.16	0.02
Cattle no.	+10.0	+3.0	+12.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.05	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	20.20	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.20	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.95	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.90	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	210 (+1)	213 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	181 (+1)	182 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (n/c)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	185 (n/c)	187 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	177.50-77.75	Sep	182.75-83.00
Jul	179.50 SLR	Oct	184.25 BID
Aug	181.00-81.25		Vol: 15330

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	20.22-20.25	Oct	20.20-20.25
Aug	20.26-20.29	Nov	20.13-20.21
Sep	20.25-20.27		Vol: 24221

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	97.00	May	86.00
Jul	88.90	Sep	94.25
Sep	91.25	Nov	96.25
Nov	93.25	Jan	92.25
Jan	95.25	Mar	94.25
Volume: 1021		Volume: 90	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	30.0
Nov		58.0
Mar		103.0
		Volume: 58

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 73.25-73.75

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 97	1311	1295	1295
Jun 97	1275	1255	1265
Jul 97	1191	1175	1199
Oct 97	1340	1340	1340

Vol: 223 lots Open interest: 2577
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2500.0-2501.0	2450.0-2451.0	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	605.50-606.00	616.00-617.00	294775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1312.0-1312.5	1335.0-1335.5	121925
Tin ($/tonne)	5665.0-5670.0	5710.0-5715.0	19065
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1620.0-1621.0	1638.0-1639.0	351095
Nickel ($/tonne)	7555.0-7560.0	7660.0-7665.0	37766

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	420	30	50½	56½	5	9	14½
(*445½)	460	14½	27	34	20	26	32½
ASDA	110	11	13	15	1½	4	5
(*116½)	120	4	7½	9	5	9½	9½
Boots	700	21	34	43½	22½	31½	39
(*703½)	750	4½	15½	23½	61	65	69
Br Airways	700	32	49	61	20	29½	35
(*716)	750	10½	27	34	49	55½	61
BP	700	41	54½	66	10	21½	29½
(*722½)	750	15½	30	41½	34	47½	53
Br Steel	140	12½	13	15½	4	6	9½
(*150)	160	2½	4	7	15½	19½	22
C & W	500	21½	38	48½	19½	29½	30
(*502)	550	6	18	26	54½	60	66
CU	700	45	70	87	21	41½	54½
(*721)	750	22½	48	63½	47½	73½	81½
ICI	750	41	54½	71	13	29	32
(*772)	800	15½	29½	46	36	51	56½
Land Sec	850	29	57	68	10	19	24½
(*843)	900	13	29	41	35	40½	48
M & S	460	34	43	49½	5	12	15
(*493)	500	9½	21	29	25½	31	34
Nat West	750	55	66	88	13½	23½	30½
(*785½)	800	26	42	61½	34	55½	62½
Safeway	330	29½	31½	39	7	11½	16½
(*354)	360	9½	17½	24½	25	27	31½
Sainsbury	340	16	26½	33½	8	14	19
(*344)	360	5	13	19½	25	31	35
Shell	1150	42½	71	87	24	45½	60
(*1157)	1200	19½	46½	64	52½	72½	82
Smkl Bch	1000	64	96	117	22	37½	54
(*1037½)	1050	37	68	90	44	59½	72
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	97	130½	165½	64	99	111
(*1901)	2000	47	92	142½	123½	149½	165
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAT Ind	550	31½	44	56	23	30½	45
(*559½)	600	12½	24	37	51	67	74½
Vodafone	280	17½	26	32½	7½	12½	16½
(*290)	300	8	16	22½	18	23	26
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	550	8	30	36½	4	25	26
(*556)	600	0	11	17	47½	54	56
Ladbroke	220	19	25½	30	0	3½	7
(*239)	240	1	13	18	2	11	15
Utd Bisc	220	3	15	19	1	7½	13½
(*222½)	240	0	6½	10	17½	19	25

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	41	49½	59½	8	13	19½
(*529)	550	11	22	32	31½	36	38½
Thames W	650	41	50	57½	22½	30	39
(*670)	700	16	27½	35½	52	58	60½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BTR	200	17	24½	29½	0	5	9
(*217)	220	1	13	17½	4	12½	18
Br Aero	1200	12	67	94	6	36	52
(*1207)	1250	0	43	69½	42½	63½	77½
Br Telecom	420	25	36½	39½	0½	15	20
(*445)	460	0½	14	17½	15	30	42½
Cadbury	500	26	42½	49½	1½	9	17
(*525)	550	0½	16	23½	25	33	39½
Guinness	550	7½	32½	42½	1½	21	25
(*555)	600	0	12	20½	45	51½	57½
GEC	330	24	31	34½	0	8	11
(*354)	360	1	12½	16½	6½	22	25
Hanson	300	16	29½	33½	0½	8	15½
(*316)	330	0½	13	18½	14	22½	28½
LASMO	240	7½	18½	26½	1	9½	12½
(*246½)	260	0	10	17½	13½	20½	22½
LucasVarity	200	2	12	15½	2½	11	14
(*200)	220	0	6	8	20	24	27
Pilkington	110	6	12½	—	0	2½	—
(*115)	120	1	7	—	4½	11	—
Prudential	600	43½	62	74½	0	10½	19½
(*643½)	650	2½	32½	45½	8½	31	39½
Redland	300	22½	33½	42	0	6	12
(*322)	330	1	16	25½	8	19	29
R-Royce	220	19	26½	32	0	5	8
(*239½)	240	1½	14½	20½	2½	12½	16½
Tesco	360	27	37	44	0	5½	10½
(*387)	390	1	18	26	3½	16	22½
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4614)

	4500	4550	4600	4650	4700	4750
Calls						
Jun	150	113	80½	54½	34	19½
Jul	195	149½	118½	89½	65	45½
Aug	195½	163	131½	105½	82½	61½
Sep	231	199	166	139	114½	90
Dec	307	—	240	—	189	—
Puts						
Jun	37½	52	71½	97	128	165½
Jul	56	71½	91	114½	143½	177
Aug	75	92½	110	134	161½	194
Sep	93	110½	129	152	178½	206
Dec	124½	—	161	—	209½	—

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abby Nat	900	65	94½	107½	21	45	51
(*934)	950	39	58½	81½	45	64	74
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1200	54½	93	113½	42	70	82½
(*1201)	1250	32½	69½	89½	70	98	106½
Nat Pwr	550	30½	38½	42½	24½	32½	36½
(*567)	600	10	19½	22½	58½	64½	59½
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	1200	66	90	116½	26	46½	60
(*1230)	1250	38½	63½	89	49	72½	82
HSBC	1700	132	168½	213½	33	59	91
(*1790½)	1800	76	115	162½	72½	102½	131
Reuter	650	33½	50½	68½	20½	35	39
(*659)	700	13	29½	45	57	62	66½
Royal & Sun	450	30½	43½	53	9	18	23
(*476)	500	11	22½	33	29½	37½	43½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Blue Circ	390	27½	34	44	0	5	14
(*415½)	420	1	20½	27	7	20½	27
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Kingfishr	650	48	66½	76½	0	9½	15½
(*695)	700	3	33½	46	5½	29½	36
	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	26	—	—	1½	—	—
(*264½)	260	11	—	—	6½	—	—
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Dixons	460	25½	37½	49½	7	20½	25½
(*478)	500	6	19½	29	29½	41½	46
EMI Group	1200	50½	84½	107½	18½	54	64½
(*1227½)	1250	24	54½	81½	41½	75½	89½
Tarmac	120	7	12	14½	2	5	7½
(*124½)	130	2	7	10	7	10	13
Hillsdwn	160	17½	21½	—	0	1½	—
(*176½)	180	3½	9½	—	6	9½	—
Lonrho	140	6	11	14½	3	7	9
(*142)	160	0½	3½	7	18	22½	21½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	260	20½	25½	28½	1½	8	13
(*277½)	280	7	14	17½	8	17½	19½
Lloyds TSB	550	51½	65½	79½	4	14½	21½
(*596½)	600	17	35½	50½	20	34½	42½
Scot Pwr	360	29½	36½	39	3½	13	16
(*385)	390	10½	19½	22½	14	25½	31½
Unilever	1600	76½	117	144	9½	27	38
(*1661½)	1700	18	59	85	49½	70	82

May 20, 1997 Tot: 40157 Call: 22701 Put: 2445 FTSE Call: 5296 Put: 7466
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 97	113-17	113-21	113-07	113-15	79243
Previous open interest: 230125	Sep 97	113-25	113-28	113-16	113-23	3935
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Jun 97	101.59	101.70	101.37	101.62	204288
Previous open interest: 300900	Sep 97	100.66	100.67	100.35	100.59	3691
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Jun 97	130.80	131.02	130.54	130.90	49835
Previous open interest: 123877	Sep 97	131.34	131.55	131.20	131.48	1463
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	124.47	124.50	124.26	124.44	4122
	Sep 97	123.08	123.08	122.93	123.03	2413
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.46	93.47	93.45	93.46	7520
	Sep 97	93.22	93.23	93.19	93.22	12589
Previous open interest: 539908	Dec 97	93.03	93.05	93.00	93.04	13546
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 97	96.80	96.81	96.79	96.80	9407
Previous open interest: 1429437	Sep 97	96.74	96.75	96.72	96.72	15455
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 97	93.40	93.40	93.35	93.37	11535
Previous open interest: 321838	Sep 97	93.73	93.73	93.69	93.71	8396
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97				99.18	0
	Dec 97	98.96	98.96	98.96	98.96	500
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 97	98.30	98.34	98.28	98.33	4542
Previous open interest: 132922	Sep 97	98.29	98.34	98.27	98.33	15796
Three Mth ECU	Jun 97	95.85	95.87	95.85	95.86	1050
Previous open interest: 32836	Sep 97	95.85	95.86	95.84	95.85	473
FTSE 100	Jun 97	4654.0	4658.0	4601.0	4610.0	12485
Previous open interest: 73929	Sep 97	4670.0	4672.0	4639.5	4644.0	756

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible].

Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅜	6⅞
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.83	n/a	5.95	6.12	6.32
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $341.85-342.15 Close: $342.80-343.30 High: $343.30-343.90
Low: $341.20-341.70 AM: $342.50 PM: $343.00

Krugerrand: $342.00-344.00 (£208.00-210.00)

Platinum: $392.50 (£238.25) **Silver:** $4.71 (£2.865) **Palladium:** $179.75 (£109.0)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1291-3.1462	3.1348-3.1378	¼-⅛pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Brussels	57.440-57.790	57.516-57.617	16-13pr	50-43pr
Copenhagen	10.596-10.657	10.617-10.627	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr
Dublin	1.0700-1.0798	1.0718-1.0738	3pr-1ds	12-5pr
Frankfurt	2.7830-2.7970	2.7881-2.7905	¾-⅝pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Lisbon	279.83-281.25	280.55-280.80	¼-⅛pr	¼-⅛pr
Madrid	234.22-235.55	234.60-234.91	23-13pr	74-56pr
Milan	2736.3-2790.5	2744.1-2746.6	4-20ds	9-31ds
Montreal	2.2572-2.2623	2.2585-2.2607	0.67-0.62pr	1.22-1.13pr
New York	1.6450-1.6474	1.6452-1.6462	0.09-0.07pr	0.25-0.22pr
Oslo	11.507-11.618	11.603-11.618	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr
Paris	9.3730-9.4270	9.3911-9.3985	2¼-2⅛pr	7¼-6⅝pr
Stockholm	12.442-12.500	12.442-12.462	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr
Tokyo	185.87-187.18	186.94-187.18	¾-⅝pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	19.586-19.698	19.623-19.641	¾-⅝pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.3095-2.3236	2.3127-2.3157	¾-⅝pr	2⅜-2⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2955-1.2963
Austria	11.91-11.92
Belgium (Com)	34.95-34.99
Canada	1.3721-1.3726
Denmark	6.4495-6.4515
France	5.7052-5.7062
Germany	1.6934-1.6944
Hong Kong	7.7385-7.7395
Ireland	1.5350-1.5370
Italy	1665.75-1666.75
Japan	112.93-112.98
Malaysia	2.4994-2.5004
Netherlands	1.9039-1.9044
Norway	7.0335-7.0407
Portugal	170.30-170.40
Singapore	1.4298-1.4308
Spain	142.56-142.59
Sweden	7.5754-7.5829
Switzerland	1.4037-1.5042

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6459-1.6486
Australia dollar	2.1324-2.1351
Bahrain dinar	0.6135-0.6255
Brazil real*	1.7522-1.7566
China yuan	13.473-13.773
Cyprus pound	0.8210-0.8310
Finland markka	8.3400-8.4560
Greece drachma	440.5-447.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.7376-12.7470
India rupee	58.37-59.33
Indonesia rupiah	3917.4-4123.2
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4885-0.4985
Malaysia ringgit	4.1143-4.1184
New Zealand dollar	2.3791-2.3823
Pakistan rupee	65.75 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9225-6.0465
Singapore dollar	2.3536-2.3567
S Africa rand (com)	7.2880-7.3900
U A E dirham	5.9750-6.0990

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	260	Land Secs	614
ASDA Gp	8,200	Legal & Gn	2,600
Abbey Ntl	4,200	Lloyds TSB	6,200
Allied Dom	1,900	LucasVarity	5,500
AB Foods	439	Marks Spr	9,100
BAA	1,400	Mercury Ast	586
BAT Inds	4,300	NatWst Bk	5,400
BG	16,900	Nat Grid	3,500
BOC	1,100	Nat Power	1,400
BP	7,100	Next	442
BSkyB	1,200	Orange	820
BTR	4,600	P & O	911
BT	11,000	Pearson	921
Bk of Scot	1,500	PowerGen	4,300
Barclays	4,100	Prudential	5,000
Bass	2,300	RMC	382
Blue Circle	2,500	RTZ	2,100
Boots	3,300	Railtrack	2,200
BAe	5,900	Rank Group	1,600
BA	4,700	Reckitt Col	1,600
British Land	3,600	Reed Intl	4,900
Brit Steel	6,700	Rentokil	5,700
Burmah Cstl	2,600	Reuters	5,400
Burton	3,800	Rolls Royce	6,000
Cable Wire	5,500	Royal & Sn	34,600
Cadbury	3,900	Royal Bk Sct	2,400
Carlton Cms	1,400	Safeway	4,400
Centrica	6,800	Sainsbury	9,000
Cm Union	1,300	Schroders	67
Dixons	3,100	Scot & New	618
EMI	3,400	Scot Power	1,400
Energy Gp	2,200	Svrn Trent	1,100
Enterpr Oil	2,100	Shell Trans	2,800
GKN	1,100	Siebe	3,000
GRE	2,200	SmKl Bch	3,800
GUS	701	Smith Nph	2,400
Gen Acc	1,700	Smiths Inds	2,000
Gen Elec	4,600	Std Chartd	848
Glaxo Well	6,100	TI Gp	367
Granada	1,800	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Grand Met	6,200	Tesco	7,000
Guinness	3,300	Thames W	599
HSBC	2,500	Tomkins	3,500
Hanson	2,400	Unilever	572
Hays	1,300	Utd Utilities	496
ICI	6,100	Utd News	2,700
Imp Tob	1,300	Vodafone	12,200
Kingfisher	836	Whitbread	1,800
LASMO	2,900	Wolseley	6,100
Ladbroke	4,300	Zeneca	1,400

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AMP Inc	38⅝	39⅛
AMR Corp	94¾	96
AT & T	33⅝	33⅞
Abbott Labs	65⅞	66⅜
Advanced Micro	41⅜	40
Aetna Life	95⅝	96¼
Ahmanson (HF)	41¼	41⅜
Air Prod & Chem	75	75
AirTouch Comm	25⅞	26
Albertson's	33⅜	33½
Alcan Aluminm	35⅞	35⅝
Allied Signal	74⅞	75⅝
Alum Co of Am	72⅞	73⅞
Amerada Hess	52⅝	53
Amer Brands	52½	53⅜
Amer El Power	40⅞	40⅛
Amer Express	68⅛	68⅞
Amer Genl Corp	43⅝	44⅜
Amer Home Pr	72⅞	74¼
Amer Intl	129⅝	130⅞
Amer Stores	45⅞	46⅛
Amer Standard	45⅞	49¼
Ameritech	62⅛	63⅝
Amgen	65	65⅞
Amoco	86⅝	87½
Andrew Corp	26⅜	25⅞
Anheuser-Busch	42⅞	42⅝
Apple Computer	16¼	17
Archer Daniels	19⅝	19⅜
Armco	3⅞	3⅞
Armstrng Wrld	66⅞	66⅜
Asarco	30⅞	31¼
Atl Richfield	142⅞	144
Auto Data Pro	47⅞	48⅞
Avery Dennison	37⅝	38⅜
Avon Products	60⅞	61
Baker Hughes	35⅜	36⅛
Baltim Gas & El	26	26⅛
Banc One	41⅛	42⅜
BankAmerica	113⅞	115
Bank of NY	40⅝	40⅞
Bankers Tr NY	81⅝	81⅛
Barnett Banks	49⅝	50
Bausch & Lomb	40⅞	40⅛
Baxter Intl	49⅞	49⅜
Bectn Dickinsn	48⅝	48⅞
Bell Atlantic	67⅝	68⅛
Bell Industries	18⅛	19
BellSouth	42⅞	43⅞
Black & Decker	34⅞	34⅞
Block (H&R)	31¼	32⅛
Boeing	97⅞	97⅜
Boise Cascade	35	34¼
Boston Scien	48⅞	49
Bristol Myrs Sq	71¼	72⅜
Browning Ferris	31	31⅜
Brunswick	30⅜	30⅝
Burlington Nthn	79⅞	79⅜
CMS Energy Corp	33⅜	33⅝
CNA Financial	101⅞	101⅛
CPC Intl	86⅞	86
CSX	50⅞	51⅛
Campbell Soup	46⅝	47⅝
Can Pacific	25⅝	25⅝
Carolina Pwr	34	34⅛
Case Corp	60⅞	61⅛
Caterpillar	99⅞	98
Central & SW	21⅝	21⅜
Champion Intl	48⅝	49
Chase Manhat	91⅜	92⅛
Chevron Corp	69⅝	70⅞
Chrysler	31⅛	31⅜
Chubb Corp	58⅝	58⅞
Cigna Corp	177	172⅞
Citicorp	115⅝	116
Clorox	122	122⅞
Coastal Corp	48⅝	48⅛
Coca Cola	67⅞	68
Coca Cola Ent	19⅞	19½
Colgate-Palm	56⅜	57⅜
Columbia Gas	63⅞	64⅛
ColumbiaHCA	36⅜	36⅞
Compaq Comp	94⅞	94⅝
Comp Ass Int	51⅞	52
Conagra	59⅞	60⅛
Conrail	114⅛	114⅞
Cons Edison	28⅛	29⅛
Cons Nat Gas	51⅜	51⅛
Cooper Inds	49⅝	49⅞
CoreStates	50⅝	51⅛
Corning Inc	49⅝	49⅞
Crown Cork	57⅛	58⅛
Dana Corp	34⅝	34⅛
Dayton Hudson	48⅝	47
Deere	52	52⅝
Delta Air Lines	93⅝	92
Deluxe Corp	31⅛	32
Digital Equip	31⅛	31⅜
Dillard Dept St	32⅞	32⅞
Disney (Walt)	82⅞	83⅞
Dominion Res	34⅛	35⅜
Donnelley (RR)	35⅞	36
Dover Corp	55⅞	57⅝
Dow Chemical	85⅞	86⅛
Dow Jones	39⅞	39⅞
Dresser	37⅝	37⅞
Duke Power	44⅜	44⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	25	25⅞
Du Pont	107⅞	109⅜
Eastman Chem	55⅞	55⅞

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Eastman Kodak	79	80
Eaton Corp	78⅞	78⅜
Edison Int	22⅝	22⅞
Elect Data Sys	36⅛	37⅞
Emerson Elec	51⅛	51⅞
Engelhard Corp	20⅝	20⅞
Enron Corp	40⅝	40⅞
Entergy	25⅝	25⅞
Ethyl Corp	9⅝	9⅛
Exxon	58	59⅝
FMC Corp	68⅞	68⅞
FPL Group	46⅞	46½
Federal Express	53⅞	53⅞
First Bk Sys	80⅞	81⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	60⅜	61⅛
Fluor Corp	51⅜	51⅜
Ford Motor	37	36⅜
GTE Corp	42⅞	43
Gannett	91⅜	92⅜
Gap Inc Del	32⅞	32⅜
Gencorp	19⅛	19⅜
Gen Dynamics	72⅞	72⅜
Gen Electric	60⅞	61
Gen Mills	62⅝	62⅞
Gen Motors	55⅝	55⅛
Gen Reinsurance	172¼	173
Gen Signal	41⅜	42
Genuine Parts	33⅜	33⅛
Georgia Pac	83⅝	84
Gillette	87⅞	88⅜
Glaxo Welc ADR	40⅝	41⅛
Goodrich (BF)	40⅞	40⅞
Goodyear Tire	56⅜	56⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅝	26⅛
Great Wstn Fin	46⅝	47⅞
Halliburton	73⅜	74⅛
Harcourt General	45⅞	46
Heinz (HJ)	41⅞	41⅜
Hercules	48⅝	48⅛
Hershey Foods	55⅝	55⅞
Hewlett Packard	51⅞	52⅜
Hilton Hotels	29⅝	29⅞
Home Depot	60⅞	59⅞
Homestake Mng	13⅞	13⅞
Honeywell	71⅜	72⅞
Household Intl	89⅝	90
Houston Inds	21⅜	21⅞
Humana	21⅜	21⅛
ITT Corp	59⅝	59⅞
Ikon Office	27⅞	28⅝
Illinois Tool	95	96⅜
Illinova	21⅜	21⅞
INCO	32⅝	33⅜
Ingersoll Rand	51⅜	51⅞
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	156⅞	154⅞
IBM	169⅝	168⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	43⅞	44⅜
Intl Paper	46⅞	46⅞
James River Va	33⅞	33⅜
Johnsn & Jhnsn	60⅝	61⅞
Kellogg	71⅛	72⅜
Kerr-McGee	63	64
Kimberly-Clark	51⅝	52
Kmart	14⅛	14⅛
Knight-Ridder	42⅞	42⅞
Lilly (Eli)	89⅞	90⅛
Limited Inc	19⅞	19⅞
Lincoln Nat	60⅜	60⅞
Litton	44⅛	44⅞
Liz Claiborne	45⅝	46
Lockheed Martin	91⅛	91⅜
Louisiana Pac	19	19⅛
MCI Comm	38⅞	38⅝
Manpower Inc	40⅝	40⅞
Marriott Int	57⅝	58⅛
Marsh & McLnn	126⅜	128⅛
Masco Corp	37⅞	38⅞
May Dept St	47⅞	47⅞
Maytag Corp	24⅜	24⅝
McDonalds	51⅜	52⅜
McDonnell D	58⅝	58⅜
McGraw Hill	52⅞	53⅜
Mead Corp	61⅞	62⅞
Medtronic	67⅜	68⅛
Mellon Bk	84	84⅜
Merck Inc	91⅜	92⅞
Merrill Lynch	98⅛	99⅝
Microsoft	115⅜	119⅞
Minnesota Mine	90⅞	91⅛
Mobil Corp	135⅛	136⅞
Monsanto	44⅜	44⅜
Morgan (JP)	101⅞	102⅞
Motorola Inc	62⅜	62⅞
Natl Semi	29⅝	29
Natl Service Ind	42⅞	43⅞
Navistar Int	13⅜	13⅜
NY Times A	45⅝	46⅛
Newmont Mng	38⅜	38⅞
Niag Mohawk	8⅞	8⅞
Nike B	56	55⅜
NL Industries	12⅜	12⅛
Noram Energy	14⅜	14⅜
Nordstrom	45⅞	46⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	94⅞	94⅛
Nthn State Pwr	49⅞	48⅝
Norwest Corp	51⅞	52⅞
Nynex Corp	51⅜	52⅞
Occidental Pet	22⅝	23⅛
Ohio Edison	20⅞	20⅞

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Oracle	44⅛	44⅛
Oryx Energy Co	22⅞	22⅞
Owens Corning	41⅛	41⅞
PPG Industries	57⅞	58
PMI Group	55⅜	55⅞
PNC Bank	40⅞	40⅞
PP&L Res	20⅞	20⅞
Paccar Inc	84⅛	84⅛
Pacificorp	20	20⅛
Pac Enterprises	32⅞	33⅜
Pall Corp	23⅞	23⅜
Parker Hannifin	51⅜	51⅞
Peco Energy	20⅝	20⅞
Penney (JC)	49⅞	49⅞
Pennzoil	54⅛	55⅜
Pepsico	37⅞	37⅞
Pfizer	99⅞	100⅞
Pharm & Upjhn	34⅞	34⅜
Phelps Dodge	80⅞	82⅞
Philip Morris	42⅞	43
Phillips Pet	42	42⅝
Pitney Bowes	68⅞	69⅞
Polaroid	50⅞	50⅛
Procter & Gmbl	131⅜	131⅛
Providian	56	56⅛
Pub Serv E & G	24⅞	25
Quaker Oats	40⅞	40⅞
Ralston Purina	83⅜	83⅞
Raychem Corp	72	72
Raytheon	46⅜	46
Reebok Intl	38⅜	39
Reynolds Metals	66⅜	67⅞
Rockwell Intl	66⅞	66⅞
Rohm & Haas	82⅞	82⅜
Royal Dutch	188⅞	189
Rubbermaid	26⅞	26⅜
SBC Comms	56⅞	57⅞
Safeco Corp	41⅞	41⅞
St Paul's Cos	72⅜	73⅞
Salomon Inc	52⅞	53
Sara Lee Corp	41⅜	41⅜
Schering Plough	86⅛	87⅜
Schlumberger	117⅞	118
Seagram	38⅜	38⅜
Sears Roebuck	49⅝	49⅞
Shell Trans	114⅛	114⅜
Sherwin Wlms	30⅞	30⅞
Skyline Corp	24	24
Snap-On-Tools	39	39⅜
Southern Co	21⅛	21⅜
Sprint Corp	46⅜	47
Stanley Works	39⅝	39⅞
Sun Company	29⅜	29⅞
Sun Microsys	31⅛	31⅞
Suntrust	52⅞	53
Supervalu	31⅛	32⅞
Sysco Corp	33⅞	34
TRW Inc	52⅞	53⅞
TCC Inds	2	2
TRI Hldgs	26⅜	27⅝
Tandem Comp	14⅜	14⅞
Tandy Corp	53⅞	53⅜
Temple Inland	58⅞	58⅛
Tenet Healthcare	26⅞	27
Tenneco	44⅜	46⅛
Texaco	112⅞	113⅞
Texas Inst	91	89⅞
Texas Utilities	33⅞	34⅛
Textron	113	115⅜
Thermo Elect	32⅝	32⅞
Time Warner	48⅞	48⅝
Times-Mirror A	56	56⅛
Timken	63	63⅞
Torchmark	64	65⅞
Toys R Us	30⅞	30⅞
Transamerica	86⅛	86⅞
Travelers	54⅞	55⅜
Tribune	44	44⅛
Tyco Int	62⅝	63⅛
UST Inc	27⅞	27⅞
UAL	70⅞	70⅞
US Inds	36⅛	36
US West Comm	34⅞	34⅞
US West Media	18⅜	18⅞
USAirways Group	34⅜	35⅞
USX Marathon	28⅝	29
Unicom	22⅞	22⅞
Unilever NV	197⅞	200⅛
Union Camp	51⅛	51⅜
Union Carbide	47⅝	47⅞
Union Pacific	66⅜	67⅞
Unisys Corp	6⅞	6⅞
USF&G Corp	20⅞	21
US Life	48⅞	48⅞
United Tech	75⅝	76⅞
Unocal Corp	43⅞	43⅞
VF Corp	76⅜	76⅞
WMX Tech	31⅜	31⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	30⅞	30⅜
Warner-Lambert	99	99⅞
Wells Fargo	265⅞	267⅞
Westinghouse El	17	17
Weyerhaeuser	47⅞	48
Whirlpool	49⅞	49⅞
Whitman	25⅞	24⅞
Winn Dixie	36⅞	37
Woolworth	23⅜	23
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	57⅞	57⅞
Xerox	63⅞	63⅞
Zenith Elec	10⅝	10⅞

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Astro-sterling: who's really to blame

ANTHONY HARRIS

The Chancellor and the Governor have been getting a bad press. (*Gordon and Eddie? With Ken gone, it no longer seems to fit*). Sterling is unreasonably strong; and though Labour always expected a sterling crisis, they were not ready for this. Industry protests, economists predict a recession led by exports and investment; so it's goodbye to balanced growth, and everyone knows who to blame. The Chancellor has handed over the monetary controls to a pilot who doesn't know which way is up; the Bank continues to be spooked by non-existent inflation (wage settlements are going down, not up). And when a helpful rumour eases the pressure on the exchange rate, the usually silent Treasury promptly denies it. What a mess!

And that is not the end of it. Tony Blair continues to talk Thatcher economics, and seeks to finance spending by selling a little more family silver, or raiding the people's lottery — "good housekeeping" that saves no resources at all. A messy, depressing start to the New Age. But what if it was all quite different?

Suppose that somebody taught the Prime Minister a little basic economics, that Gordon Brown's policies had been drafted by Anatole Kaletsky, and Eddie George was showing the wisdom of Greenspan. Would sterling then be rationally valued? Unlikely; for whatever the fumbles of our L-plate Government, they are pure wisdom compared with the follies we see across the Channel.

The Swiss have been detected with stolen gold; do not touch. France remains in a strike-ridden growth recession. The left-wing Italian coalition has pursued such hair-shirt policies that it has revived the neo-Fascists. And now, to cap it all, we get the Wisdom of Theo. Any accountant would tell you that Herr Waigel's proposal to revalue the German gold stock is just good practice. Assets should be marked to market, and it might cut the German national debt, at that. But he chose to announce it as if this balance sheet adjustment would also balance the current Budget. The deception was so transparent that Signor Dini was moved to denounce it.

The markets responded just as eloquently with a new flight into sterling and the dollar. And though the Bundesbank has so far kept a pained silence, even the most conformist German in the street must smell a rat or two. Here we are, four years into Project Helmut, and not only has the mighty D-mark has become one of the world's softest currencies, but Germany has to endure economics lectures from the Italians. So look East?

The Japanese economy may be recovering, but the banking crisis still looks bottomless. Four banks, including two giants, Nippon Credit and Hokkaidu Takushoku (just forced to merge in a government-sponsored bail-out), have had to close their New York operations, without a Japanese bid in sight. As Oscar Wilde put it, only a heart of stone could fail to laugh.

But *schadenfreude* butters no parsnips, and the question remains: in such a world, could we have prevented sterling from becoming a safe haven currency? Only two methods suggest themselves.

We announce that we firmly intend to join EMU from the start, and at a sensible rate. Or, after a ritual sacrifice of Bank of Englnd officials, we could follow the Japanese example. This would mean printing money until the market was sated with sterling — a more extreme example of the Lawson strategy of shadowing the D-mark.

Well, yes; but apart from the obvious objections to a premature EMU commitment, or reckless monetary inflation, would either strategem have worked? At the moment the markets are unwilling to risk much money on there being an EMU start at all, let alone on our qualifying to join in. And as long as we are outside, the appetite for switching might prove almost insatiable. It is the uncertainty hanging over EMU that has dealers spooked. Will it happen? Who will be in, and who out? The only certainty is that there is a major currency storm impending, and sterling looks safely offshore. The skipper maybe green, and a bit clumsy: but it is not fair to blame him for the weather.

Andrew Smith, seated right, with members of the high-powered Cabinet welfare-to-work sub-committee. He attends Cabinet when the New Deal jobs programme is under discussion

Resolute jobs broker at heart of welfare-to-work initiative

Philip Bassett meets the minister charged with driving forward the Labour Government's much-trumpeted New Deal for the unemployed

Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, will today leave the Whitehall world he has occupied since Labour's election victory to head off to the sharp end — meeting the unemployed at a jobcentre.

Talking to people without work in Kilburn, north London, is a far cry from being sworn in as a Privy Counsellor, as Mr Smith was yesterday. Tomorrow he will take the new Education and Employment ministerial team's questions in the Commons.

For many Labour politicians suddenly thrust into office this is all part of the blur of a new government. "We are driving ahead very fast in getting the crucial questions brought into focus," Mr Smith says of the welfare-to-work strategy. "But it's very important that the whole programme is very carefully constructed, with a thoroughgoing concern for quality."

The minister, giving his first extended interview to *The Times*, is clear about the Government's objectives on jobs. "It's a great national effort, for which we have a very strong mandate." Business will be crucial to delivering that mandate. The Cabinet welfare-to-work sub-committee will meet again tomorrow, having been convened within days of the election result. And ministers are well on the way to forming the Government's welfare-to-work task force, likely to be led by a senior business figure, in line with its tax-and-benefits task force to be led by Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank.

But more importantly the Government knows that employer support for its New Deal on jobs will be vital to its success in getting 250,000 young off welfare and into work, and tackling the reserve army of Britain's long-term unemployed. To do that, employers will be offered a job subsidy of £60 per week for every unemployed young person they take on, and £75 for every person out of work for more than a year.

Mr Smith will not specify when the New Deal programmes will start. The Government is concerned to get it right, he says. But he confirms the programmes will run for longer than a year to meet the ambitious target of getting 250,000 young off benefit. Mr Smith insists that this does not imply that the windfall levy on the excess profits of privatised utilities will be other than the one-off tax to which the Government is committed. He says: "We don't want to spend all the levy in the first year".

Further money will accrue from people coming off benefit. But using the one-off payments for more than a year to fund the New Deal programmes may imply that the Government will be looking for considerable revenue from the windfall tax — perhaps up to £4 billion, for which ministers believe the utilities are prepared, though not the £10 billion some suggest may be the aim. Mr Smith is not saying. Mr Smith's quiet determination and rapid technical grasp in an impressive ministerial team at the Department for Education and Employment are already winning Whitehall approval.

He dismisses the notion, being put forward in some quarters, that Labour's New Deal on jobs is becoming unnecessary — that unemployment, even among the young and long-term unemployed, is falling so rapidly that new measures are no longer needed. "The fact that both the claimant count and the Labour Force Survey measures of unemployment are coming down is very much welcome," Mr Smith says. "But we have no doubt that the programmes we are proposing are going to be necessary."

Labour sees the New Deal programmes as part of a wider welfare-to-work context — one that looks at the interplay of the tax and benefit system, includes the task force on competitiveness and the single market, plans to replace the old Youth Training programme, and new drives on education standards.

Some of that is still to come. Mr Smith's immediate priority is to kick-start the jobs programmes, which will be delivered primarily by the Employment Service: "There clearly has to be a good chain of accountability and core responsibility for ensuring the delivery of the New Deal, and I would envisage that being the Employment Service."

Though he talks about a "partnership" with business, the private and voluntary sectors, and with the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs), this may be bad news for Tecs, which are bidding to be the principal delivery mechanism for the New Deal, or at least a key part of it. The Government is already set to use money it believes is sloshing round in Tecs to fund its planned Individual Learning Accounts in place of the old industry training levies, and it is set to improve the local accountability of Tecs' governing boards.

But ministers believe that for the delivery of services at local level, involving Tecs, Business Links and Chambers of Commerce may be at least one too many organisations, and if Tecs miss out on the New Deal on jobs their longer-term future may be in doubt.

While the jobs programme is at the forefront of Mr Smith's mind, he is responsible too for what was a key area of political contention in the election — the implementation of the decision to sign the European social chapter. Though the legal formalities of "signing" will not have been completed by then, ministers are determined the Government will go to the first EU social affairs council next month as a full player, committed to striking a markedly different note to that struck by the Conservative Government.

But for companies fearful the Government will immediately start agreeing to everything in sight, Mr Smith is reassurring. First, he is insistent that signing the social chapter will not mean measures already passed on works councils and parental leave will be retrospectively applied to companies in the UK that have not operated them.

Secondly, Britain is likely to press for a delay before accepting the latest social chapter proposal — all but finalised — on the burden of proof in sex-discrimination cases. Mr Smith says the Government is "sympathetic" to the notion but, because it was not involved in negotiating it, will seek time to consider it.

Thirdly, he says Britain will go fully into social Europe with an agenda that the EU has not fully addressed — an agenda on jobs that is about "flexibility and employability" rather than over-regulation. The argument is not about more or less regulation but the right regulation, he says.

A case of clothes store déjà vu — but will the investors wear it?

Jason Nissé on the pair keen to acquire Country Casuals

The Bunces have gone but the Bunces have vowed to bounce back. That was the message yesterday from Country Casuals, the troubled clothes seller.

Mark and Christina Bunce, chief executive and commercial director respectively, have resigned from the group because they want to buy it. This should be familiar to them. The pair, who started their career working for Bernard and Laura Ashley, another dynamic couple, were part of a team that bought Country Casuals from Coats Viyella in 1989 for £12.5 million. When they brought it to market in 1992, it was capitalised at £25 million. When, in 1995, the Bunces blocked the offer for the group by John Shannon, their former colleague, he was willing to pay £27 million. Yesterday the market value of Country Casuals was a mere £22 million.

Along the way the Bunces have done very nicely, thank you, from a little investment in a company called Oasis. This sells much more fashionable clothes than Country Casuals, popular with women in their twenties and early-thirties. Country Casuals used to own 50.1 per cent of Oasis, a stake now worth £90 million, as the group was smart enough to invest in Oasis when the Bennett brothers bought the group out of receivership in 1991.

But Country Casuals shareholders have not been able to benefit from this foresight, as the stake was sold for a mere £900,000 ahead of the Country Casuals float (a move that valued a company which had just reported £1.1 million of profits at a paltry £1.75 million). The Bunces were one of the buyers, picking up a stake now valued at more than £10 million for a mere £122,000.

In contrast to the superb performance of Oasis, Country Casuals has disappointed since its flotation. A few months after hitting the market, the Bunces decided to pay £11 million for the House of Lerose, the dressmaker founded by Kurt Rose. Yesterday it sold the Lerose businesses for a song, incurring a £5 million loss on the deal.

Country Casuals had hardly been on the market a year when it disappointed for the first time. It said it had trouble with Wild Women, a chain of fashion shops which it then renamed Koto. The cost of launching this brought an unexpected profit fall.

Regardless, Country Casuals ploughed on with the expansion of Koto and Elvi, a Lerose business that sells to "outsize" women. Neither have been a great success.

A second profit warning — which wiped off a fifth of the market value — came just before John Shannon left the group in 1994. A few weeks later Country Casuals recorded its first loss. The blame was put on late opening Elvi stores.

Shannon was back a year later making a £27 million hostile bid for the company. The Bunces thought this was not a good idea and fought him off at a cost of £1.1 million to the company. Shannon sold his 18.8 per cent holding, reaping a £5 million profit. Other shareholders must wish they had followed suit.

Though Country Casuals has crept back into profit since, the promises made at the time of the Shannon bid have cut it to the quick. The Bunces offered big dividend payouts — but they have been bigger than the group's profits and this has weakened the balance sheet.

Now that they want to buy the group, shareholders must be torn by conflicting thoughts. On one hand: "Please take this company away from us." On the other: "Didn't you make a killing the last time you bought something from us?"

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Having it all

NICOLA HORLICK, the former star fund manager at Morgan Grenfell, possibly the country's best-known mother of five and soon-to-be authoress, has been talking about plans for her new book, and whether it will contain graphic "kiss and tell" moments from the final dark days at MG, the airborne assault on *Festung Frankfurt* and even a special dedication to her favourite doorman. If the book does, and I'm not telling, she has promised to donate the proceeds of *Can You Have It All?* to Great Ormond Street, where her daughter Georgie finished her final chemotherapy session this week. Before returning to the City next month to build a fund management team for Société Générale, Horlick will finalise details of the book with the publisher, Macmillan.

"Is it possible to change this for anything in home furnishings?"

● *BRITAIN'S captains of industry, if not yet sated by the humour of the Chancellor — Gordon Brown: a laugh, a joke, a smile — and the worldwide wit of BA's Sir Colin Marshall, were faced with an unexpected and genuinely funny presence at the CBI annual dinner last night. Rory Bremner, the TV impressionist, grabbed the opportunity of giving what might be his last John Major impression, as well as developing his Tony Blair parody.*

Strong word

SIR ROCCO FORTE was at the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh yesterday to launch the logo for his new, upmarket chain. Knocked out by Wolff Olins, who else, it looks like the sort of thing a bright 11-year-old could have thought up in five minutes — capital letters RF, the R reversed, and the whole thing topped with a crown. You just know it cost a fortune. But absent is any mention of the F word. Forte, the brand, is firmly held by Granada after last year's takeover, even if Forte the man was not included in the job lot. A warning from Granada's lawyers? "We've been advised not to use it at the moment," says a spokeswoman. But Sir Rocco might decide to revert to his family name for business purposes later, she adds.

I would be inclined to think again. "Forte is a name which is owned by Granada — even if it is his name," grates her counterpart in the other camp. "Granada would take a dim view if he were to launch Forte Hotels."

Deep water

THE sharks are circling around Thames Water. The heavens have been kind of late to us gardeners, but the company is still in the worst trouble since privatisation in 1989. Thames is being singled out from the rest of the industry for losing two gallons in every five in leaks. The regulator has set unprecedented quarterly targets for Thames. There is even talk that management could lose the franchise.

And where, pray, is Bill Alexander, the Thames managing director, strangely absent from the case for the defence being put this week by the finance director, David Luffrum? Mr Alexander, customers might like to know, is spending two months this summer at Harvard Business School, on an advanced management programme. Doubtless learning lots about crisis management.

Fast mover

LATEST news from the political front. Hague, surprise winner of the Tory leadership challenge, is slimy and not quite as bright as the average housefly, but shows a surprising turn of speed. Dorrell has been disqualified for interfering with the other contestants, and Redwood is a non-starter. Hague's main City backer, it emerges, is David Ruck Keene, director of equities at SBC Warburg.

The challenge was run at the Chelsea Gardener on the King's Road ahead of yesterday's opening of the London Wine Trade Fair at Olympia, organised by a passel of winemakers from the Fitou region in southern France, over to promote their wares. I present a picture of the winner. Ruck Keene, who claims to be a keen snail enthusiast, donated £100 to Bob Champion's Cancer Trust to secure ownership of Hague before the race, run on a 2ft track. Of the others, Lilley came in second, and Howard third after being cautioned for over-enthusiastic use of the whip. Clarke ended nowhere, after a sudden lurch to the left. Given the nationality of the organisers, I ask tactfully about the runners' eventual fate. "We didn't eat any of our competitors," says my source, appalled.

MARTIN WALLER

Leadership challenger Hague came in ahead of Lilley and Howard

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For AB see Govett (John)				
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	763.40	812.20	- 8.00	2.35
General Inc	632.50	672.90	- 6.60	2.35
UK Growth Acc	529.40	563.20	- 5.30	2.31
UK Growth Inc	338.40	360.00	- 3.50	2.31
Higher Inc Acc	940.70	1000.00	- 6.40	3.79
Higher Inc Inc	493.50	525.10	- 3.30	3.79
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	220.80	233.10	- 0.30	5.45
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.37	99.57	- 0.10	5.45
Nth America	372.00	396.40	- 0.60	
Europe	415.60	442.20	- 2.40	0.21
Bnd Fndmtl	104.10	110.80	1.20	2.47
Brd Fndmtls Acc	130.60	139.60	- 0.70	4.47
Brd Fndmtls Inc	86.20	91.71	- 0.41	4.47
Global Opps	110.70	117.30	- 0.20	0.05
Balanced Acc	69.66	74.32	- 0.28	2.13
Balanced Inc	64.56	68.69	- 0.25	2.13
Japan Acc	44.32	47.15	- 0.68	
Pac Basin Acc	396.10	421.40	+ 2.10	0.70
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	136.40	144.70	- 0.10	6.43
High Inc Equity	205.00	217.10†	- 1.90	4.47
Worldwide Bond	268.90	285.20†	+ 0.90	4.21
American Growth	443.50	473.70	- 2.40	0.35
Asian Pacific	324.50	347.10	+ 3.90	0.40
Assets & Earnings	326.80	349.50†	- 3.00	2.70
Euro Capital Acc	218.50	233.70	- 1.60	0.87
Extra Inc	43.83	46.42†	- 0.23	7.88
General	299.20	318.30	- 2.40	2.89
Global Opps	78.01	82.99	- 0.27	0.48
Japan	104.90	112.20	+ 1.40	
Managed Inc	50.73	53.97†	- 0.24	4.17
Mastertrust	184.50	197.30	- 0.60	1.22
US Emerging Cos	174.50	186.10	- 1.30	
Ethical	65.57	70.05	- 0.61	1.72
International	145.50	155.20	- 0.30	0.56
Dividend & Growth	75.62	80.46	- 0.66	4.18
Global Gwth & Sec	76.15	81.31	- 0.01	2.48
Latin America	84.15	89.52	- 0.16	0.44
Capital Reserve	149.00	149.00	+ 0.10	4.69
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
FTSE UK Growth	102.50	109.00	- 0.90	2.09
Equity Income	143.80	152.90	- 1.20	3.95
Extra Income	279.70	297.50	- 2.00	6.13
Smaller Cos	109.30	116.20	- 0.30	1.53
International	124.70	132.60†	- 0.40	1.37
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2494.00	2595.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Smlr Inc & Growth	67.40	69.33†	- 0.22	
Emerging Mkts	77.45	80.66	- 0.05	0.04
European	167.00	173.50	- 0.50	
Extra Income #	53.72	56.54	0.32	5.75
Far East Emrg Eco	124.30	130.29	- 0.20	0.49
Fixed Interest #	26.72	27.79†		8.74
Fund Inv Tst #	168.90	177.20†	- 0.20	9.37
Japan	181.50	188.70	+ 3.00	
Latin American	71.82	74.73	- 0.11	0.66
Pacific	80.90	84.92†	+ 0.39	0.31
Property Share	84.01	88.19	- 0.27	1.99
UK Emerging Cos	72.54	78.40	- 0.16	1.23
UK Growth	62.23	64.81†	- 0.42	1.91
Aber World Port #	88.62	93.28	- 0.32	2.67
Ethical	84.44	87.91	- 0.17	2.01
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	51.01	51.11		7.25
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resid Property #	101.00	107.40		5.29
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	100.27	106.39	- 0.57	1.90
Income Builder Inc	88.97	94.65	- 0.63	3.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	319.70	341.70†	- 2.90	2.72
Capital	569.50	608.70†	- 5.30	1.03
Balanced	935.90	1000.00	- 9.00	2.44
Accumulator	1807.00	1931.00†	- 19.00	1.62
Income Trusts				
American Income	72.09	78.950	- 0.27	2.11
High Income	518.60	553.90	- 5.40	3.85
Equity Income	293.50	313.50	- 3.10	3.54
High Yield	377.60	333.00†	- 3.00	3.67
Gilt Securities	35.56	37.540†	- 0.02	5.92
International Trusts				
Smlr Spec Sits	242.50	258.63	- 1.80	0.04
European Growth	64.09	68.400	- 0.47	0.06
International	206.00	220.00†	+ 0.30	0.10
Japan	189.90	203.00	+ 3.30	
Pacific	412.30	440.70	+ 4.40	
Secs of America	650.40	692.60†	- 0.40	0.11
Aberdn Asset Val	59.75	63.870	+ 0.11	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	720.70	770.40†	- 13.80	1.77
Cmdty & Gilt	54.00	57.720	- 0.47	3.67
Smaller Cos	212.70	227.30	- 0.70	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	201.70	215.60	- 0.60	0.72
Recovery	184.30	197.00†	- 1.80	1.43
Stel Min & Cmdty	157.50	168.30†	- 0.80	0.18
Oseas Earnings	479.60	511.60†	- 5.70	0.95
Technology	239.20	255.70†	+ 0.30	
UK Special Sits	642.80	687.10	- 6.00	1.56
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnbuntd Out Pens	132.80	137.90		
Foundn Pend Pens	78.29	81.33		
For BG-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	377.30	402.80	- 1.10	
Bond	123.00	129.40†	- 0.30	6.42
Brit Smlr Cos	117.10	124.50	- 0.60	1.81
Cmy & Gen #	63.48	73.31†	+ 0.07	5.23
Europe	327.40	347.50	- 0.70	0.10
Euro Smal Cos	127.00	135.10	0.30	0.31
Income Gwth	397.90	423.20	- 0.50	4.48
Japan	320.30	340.10	+ 4.30	
Latin American	107.20	114.00	+ 0.10	0.57
Pacific	120.40	129.10	+ 1.10	0.51
UK Smlr Cos	60.92	64.81	- 0.07	1.24
Japan Fd	614.20	632.60	+ 11.30	
Mngd Fd	222.80	236.50†	- 0.90	2.60
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	416.70	440.70		0.80
Capital Gwth	149.40	158.00		2.64
Worldw Opps	264.10	263.30		0.84
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0161 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	480.30	510.90†	- 5.30	1.95
European Bd Inc	99.10	103.50		5.92
Exempt	94.45	100.50†	- 1.10	3.49
500	516.40	555.30	2.20	2.04
General	366.90	390.30	- 4.50	2.07
Property	263.90	283.10		5.45
Trustee	269.80	377.50	- 2.70	2.03
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†		5.51
Extra Income	121.60	122.30	- 0.30	5.61
Extra Income #	154.80	165.10†	- 1.60	4.28
Gilt & Fxd Inc	60.43	62.20†	- 0.15	7.55
Income #	406.70	432.20	- 6.90	4.32
Income Equity #	75.14	80.23	- 0.41	3.35
Intl Income	88.21	94.25	- 0.41	1.70
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	161.60	171.90	2.00	1.04
FTSE 100	117.30	125.10†	1.40	2.25
Leisure	135.30	139.50	- 0.60	1.65
Recovery	573.70	607.20	- 6.30	2.11
Smlr Cos Inc	61.70	65.81	0.17	2.13
Special Sits	404.30	434.00	3.30	1.93
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	139.20	148.50†		0.37
F East Gwth Acc	179.30	190.80	+ 3.30	0.41
Far East Gwth	182.80	195.50	+ 1.30	0.41
Euro Gwth Inc	216.30	229.90	- 1.80	0.77
-do- Accum	275.20	292.00	- 1.40	0.77
Japan	130.90	139.20	+ 1.90	
-do- Accum	132.90	139.70	+ 1.90	
Japan Spcl Sits	61.30	65.57	- 0.79	
Worldwide	215.10	229.40	- 0.30	0.03
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	153.40	164.10	- 0.40	
Amer Smll Cos	141.30	151.50	- 2.60	
Convertible	62.97	67.05	0.40	3.20
Eastern	123.00	131.60	- 1.00	0.36
Equity Income #	112.40	120.00†	- 1.10	4.20
European Growth	416.60	442.40†	- 3.07	0.32
Europe	417.00	444.30	- 2.20	0.21
German Growth	99.01	103.60	- 1.20	0.50
Global Bond	72.15	75.39	- 0.27	6.20
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.10	0.40
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.00	
Japan Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.30	
Korea Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Portfolio	167.50	[illegible]	- 1.60	2.00
-do- Accum	189.50	[illegible]	- 1.20	2.00
UK Growth	122.80	131.40	- 0.90	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	107.70	[illegible]	- 0.10	1.70
Select Managers	94.25	101.20	- 1.20	1.01
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Growth Port Inc	102.24	108.70	- 1.00	
Special Opps Inc	64.12	72.02	- 0.73	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	166.31	[illegible]	- 0.60	1.42
-do- Accum	195.20	[illegible]	- 0.90	1.45
Smaller Cos	120.44	[illegible]	- 0.51	2.41
Highest Yield #	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.62	3.99
American Gth Inc	109.31	113.90	- 0.55	
European Growth	135.45	139.11	- 3.64	
-do- Accum	139.42	[illegible]	- 3.73	
Mngd Trt Inc	56.97	61.39	- 0.17	1.30
-do- Accum	61.37	64.52	- 0.19	1.25
Intl Spec Opps	124.64	130.24	- 0.59	
Pacific Sits	161.20	172.37	- 1.23	
UK General #	112.35	120.01	- 1.25	2.75
-do- Accum #	121.30	129.97	- 1.32	2.75
Japan	34.01	35.36	- 0.23	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	101.38	102.27†	- 0.02	7.75
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Smll Capital Sits	64.05	67.41	1.00	5.40
CG UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 [illegible] 5050				
Income	[illegible]	205.90	1.40	1.80
UK Growth	241.70	250.60	2.30	2.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.50	4.05
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 652 100				
Can Gen Dist	257.70	272.70	- 1.60	1.45
-do- Income Acc	133.90	147.20†	- 1.50	1.59
-do- Accum	464.10	471.20†	3.50	3.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.15	44.29	0.01	6.14
Growth Acc	225.60	237.15	1.51	1.33
Euro	175.00	[illegible]	0.90	5.30
Intl Growth	189.30	[illegible]	- 1.00	0.17
North American	287.90	304.10	0.20	5.04
Far East	301.30	[illegible]	- 2.10	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	149.40	165.70	- 0.50	1.56
European	109.50	[illegible]	- 0.20	0.45
Japanese Growth	42.32	44.45	- 0.55	
High Income	123.50	130.20	1.80	3.96
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	220.40	230.10	- 3.10	
European Inc	109.60	116.20	- 0.90	0.30
Smaller Cos Inc	111.20	120.20	- 2.20	1.37
Growth	614.70	652.70	8.30	1.90
Income & Growth #	527.30	559.70	- 5.20	2.41
-do- Accum #	749.90	751.40	2.70	2.41
Japan & Gen	52.03	55.72	- 1.17	
National Gwth	213.45	215.60	2.00	1.65
-do- Accum	210.05	233.46	- 1.90	1.65
Special Sit	147.30	157.50	0.60	1.59
High Yield	119.66	127.10	- 15.00	1.39
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Growth Portfolio	110.13	117.85	- 0.55	1.98
American Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	52.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Portfolio	52.85	[illegible]	- 0.46	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	158.84	169.94	+ 0.98	0.78
UK Equity	106.77	114.00	- 0.81	3.03
UK Equity & Bd	62.18	65.92	- 0.22	6.10
UK Smlr Cos	54.98	58.81	- 0.11	1.61
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	864.43	877.49		3.92
Inv Fd Acc	864.43	877.49		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	162.38	163.04		8.77
Fxd Int Sec Acc	162.38	163.04		...
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	856.46	869.40		3.90
Investment Acc	640.39	641.00		
Fixed Int Inc	131.45	131.97		8.79
Fixed Int Acc	250.10	251.10		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.39	92.13		5.44
Beck Bio-Tech	38.97	42.38		
Acorn Ethical Tst	192.92	202.58		0.42
City Fin Assets	84.45	88.68†		1.50
City Fin Ind	93.78	98.48†		0.06
Friars Hse Cap	330.03	351.10		2.27
Buckley Wrld Grth	144.27	152.93		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	64.05	67.26		3.18
Shaw Wilkes	67.13	68.90†	+ 0.01	6.43
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.55	63.18	- 0.06	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	84.54	89.94		
Eastern Growth	71.15	76.09	+ 0.47	0.33
Equity High Inc	103.51	109.53	- 0.81	3.53
-do- Accum	151.75	160.58	- 1.18	3.53
Extra Income Inc	27.66	29.13	- 0.07	6.70
Extra Income Acc	31.32	32.98	- 0.07	6.70
European Gwth	73.01	77.26	- 0.47	0.31
Evergreen	32.67	34.94	+ 0.01	
General Equity	121.03	127.74	- 1.08	2.53
Japan Growth	44.43	47.27	+ 0.72	
Pedigree Gwth	71.78	75.95	- 0.65	1.98
Pref Sml Coz Inc	40.83	43.21†	- 0.08	1.20
-do- Accum	43.73	46.28	- 0.09	1.20
Retirement Inc #	31.10	33.09	- 0.21	5.39
Special Sits	51.66	55.78	- 0.25	2.65
UK & Overseas	66.38	70.24	+ 0.05	0.61
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	76.95	80.15	- 0.45	3.86
Capital	93.02	98.89	- 0.62	2.77
High Income	54.05	56.30†	- 0.14	6.57
Top 50	66.77	69.51	- 0.69	2.35
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	212.81	221.70†	- 1.29	4.14
Long Gilt	48.58	48.50†		5.79
Monthly Inc Plus	53.74	55.99	- 0.16	8.00
Preference Share	50.89	53.02†	- 0.11	7.35
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	157.67	164.26†	- 1.08	5.19
Managed Fund	82.14	85.57†	- 0.24	2.59
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	54.45	56.72†	- 0.17	1.67
-do- Accum	65.12	67.84†	- 0.20	1.67
UK & General	109.71	114.29†	- 1.01	3.64
-do- Accum	145.44	151.52†	- 1.34	2.64
UK Growth	220.19	229.39†	- 1.70	1.22
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	243.68	253.86†	- 1.28	0.57
Far Eastern Gth	133.16	138.72†	+ 1.17	0.02
Global Bond	73.98	77.07†	+ 0.03	6.43
Japan Growth	108.74	113.28†	+ 1.61	
North Amer Gth	270.81	282.12†	+ 0.01	
Oriental Growth	84.31	87.83†	+ 0.63	0.26
Worldwide Growth	78.97	82.27†	- 0.07	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.00	92.00†	+ 0.01	5.55
Homemaker Fund	98.84	105.16	- 1.62	2.05
Quilter Fund	170.24	181.13	- 1.31	1.99
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.84	41.52		3.81
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	194.80	207.20†	- 0.90	1.64
Income	79.01	84.05	- 0.75	4.22
European	85.09	90.52	- 0.36	0.34
Recovery	186.80	198.70	- 1.80	2.86
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1110.70	1128.70		3.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	117.20	124.60	- 0.30	1.09
Income #	305.70	325.20†	- 2.50	4.23
-do- Accum #	831.40	884.40	- 7.10	4.23
Smaller Cos	237.00	252.10	- 0.90	0.95
-do- Accum	295.30	314.10	- 1.10	0.95
Gth Portfolio	108.70	115.60	- 0.90	1.23
High Inc Port #	90.43	96.20	- 0.76	4.34
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1722.90	1755.40		
UK Small Cos	2312.10	2405.80		2.85
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	243.00	250.50		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	196.50	207.90	- 2.10	1.55
UK High Inc Inc	201.90	214.70†	- 2.30	3.32
-do- Accum	281.50	299.40†	- 3.20	3.32
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.52	66.38	- 0.13	5.57
Environmntl Opps	114.60	121.90†	- 1.20	0.82
UK Smlr Cos #	75.59	80.41	- 0.41	0.84
Extra Income Inc	52.45	55.75	- 0.16	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.81	25.30	- 0.13	5.53
Enterprise	116.50	123.50	- 0.10	2.02
Equity Income #	157.10	166.90	- 1.00	3.83
European	71.08	75.21	- 0.25	
Financial	69.95	78.07	- 0.35	1.43
Growth & Inc #	316.30	336.10	- 2.80	2.60
High Dist #	194.70	206.90†	- 1.70	4.11
International	452.10	480.40	+ 1.20	0.21
Int Cap Inc	115.10	122.90†	- 0.50	2.20
Latin American	37.02	39.33	+ 0.10	
Pacific	84.01	89.26	+ 0.73	
Pref High Inc	23.50	24.97†	- 0.07	7.21
Tokyo	203.90	215.60	+ 3.20	
UK Smaller Cos	258.40	274.60†	- 0.20	1.09
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	347.20	367.80†	+ 7.40	
Nth Amer	472.60	501.20		0.58
UK Inc & Gth	279.50	298.00†	- 2.70	2.49
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Gilt Dereter Dlg	131.00	140.11†		1.02
Growth Acc	297.30	316.74		0.61
Income	626.34	667.05		5.96
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7361				
Endurance Fd	245.80	261.50†		1.14
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	104.33	109.82	- 0.29	1.53
Ethical Tst	49.56	52.17	- 0.13	0.90
Far Eastern	310.64	326.99	+ 2.15	1.44
High Income	156.28	164.50†	- 1.23	4.45
UK Index Trckng	59.98	63.03	0.60	2.87
Intl Growth	152.25	160.27	- 0.01	0.90
North American	163.53	172.14	- 1.54	1.73
Pension	161.71	170.22†	- 1.56	2.82
Smaller Cos	76.01	80.01	- 0.10	2.62
Special Sits	98.91	104.12	- 0.17	2.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	233.58	245.87	- 0.20	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	112.65	119.52†	+ 0.13	
Fixed Int Tst	57.10	60.58	- 0.05	6.48
High Income #	40.95	43.42†	0.05	11.52
Aust & Gl Opps	49.54	53.70	- 0.03	
Zero Preference	46.08	49.50		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	109.10	115.00†	1.00	2.36
United Charities	351.00	373.40†	- 2.40	1.97
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.90
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.72	27.71†	+ 0.07	5.27
Strategic Inc	28.47	29.73†	- 0.11	5.72
Income Funds				
High Income	28.73	30.11†	- 0.13	5.11
Income Plus	148.20	157.60	- 1.20	2.90
European Income	58.63	60.27	0.37	3.26
UK Gwr Gth	35.43	37.68	- 0.34	2.22
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	54.65	58.20	+ 0.25	
American	355.90	378.20	- 1.70	
Amer Spec Sit	195.80	209.12†	- 1.95	
Japan Smaller Cos	26.97	28.70	+ 0.03	
European	256.70	283.60	0.50	0.43
European Opps	95.84	101.90†	- 0.56	0.56
Global Pro	35.99	38.27	- 0.19	0.43
UK Growth	137.20	145.90	- 1.00	1.34
Growth & Inc	272.40	275.70	- 2.00	2.22
Intl PEP	54.27	57.72	- 0.29	0.36
Japan Spec Sits	77.60	82.30	+ 1.10	
Japan	176.50	187.20	+ 2.20	
Managed Intl	394.30	420.70	- 0.30	1.54
Moneybuilder	71.36	75.91	0.17	
Recovery	66.70	71.11	0.19	1.00
South E Asia	151.30	170.30	+ 0.70	0.32
Special Sits	804.30	855.70	- 1.10	0.52
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.19	119.19	+ 0.02	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	161.30	164.45		1.62
Fiduciary Pif Inc #	100.20	104.10†	- 0.50	1.96
Cap Pfolio	120.30	130.45	- 0.90	5.19
General Opps	157.50	158.50†		3.18
Growth Inc	42.73	42.62†	- 0.36	1.73
Private Portfolio	530.70	538.20		1.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	161.50	171.56	- 0.50	0.09
High Income	23.52	25.01†	- 0.12	9.00
Japan Smlr Cos	16.03	17.43	- 0.25	
US Smaller Cos	447.27	450.20	- 0.10	
For Frizzell & Prudential see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	81.90	87.12	+ 0.19	
-do- Accum	81.90	87.12	+ 0.16	
Amer Smlr Cos	636.10	680.30		
-do- Accum	650.10	695.30		
Capital Tst	418.30	445.00	1.90	1.26
-do- Accum	617.80	657.20	- 2.70	1.26
Cont Smlr Cos	64.36	68.76	- 0.45	0.37
-do- Accum	68.47	72.76	- 2.47	0.37
Convertible	145.30	154.62	- 1.30	5.17
-do- Accum	321.96	342.40	- 0.99	5.17
Emerging Markets	70.09	74.83	+ 0.17	0.54
-do- Accum	70.62	75.48	+ 0.18	0.54
European	169.40	179.50†	- 1.20	0.50
-do- Accum	190.10	190.80†	- 1.30	0.50
Extra Income	427.40	454.70	- 1.90	4.02
-do- Accum	667.20	722.30	1.60	4.02
Financial	201.90	214.90†	- 0.80	0.45
-do- Accum	216.20	230.00†	- 1.10	0.45
Gilt Trust	63.36	65.33†	- 0.02	6.65
-do- Accum	101.30	104.70†		6.65
Health Fund Inc	253.30	270.60†		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	253.30	270.60†		
Income & Growth	248.00	263.80†	- 2.10	4.08
-do- Accum	405.70	431.60†	- 3.30	4.08
Intl Growth	443.70	473.20†	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	492.70	525.50†	+ 0.80	
Japan & Gen	159.50	169.30	+ 2.90	...
-do- Accum	161.10	171.00	+ 3.00	
Monthly Inc #	217.10	231.00†	- 1.00	4.26
-do- Accum #	222.10	236.30†	- 1.10	4.26
Managed Port Inc	128.50	135.50†	- 0.30	1.32
-do- Accum	141.40	148.80†	- 0.40	1.32
Quarterly Income #	59.93	64.14†	- 0.35	5.07
-do- Accum #	70.79	75.75†	- 0.42	5.07
Recovery	349.90	374.20	+ 1.30	...
-do- Accum	413.10	441.80	+ 1.60	
UK Growth	72.86	77.51†	- 0.49	2.76
-do- Accum	80.48	85.62†	- 0.55	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	70.22	74.73	+ 0.13	0.03
FP Am Smllr Cos	199.10	211.30†	- 0.50	
FP Asian Growth	281.70	300.40†	+ 1.00	
FP Australian	452.30	482.30	- 1.90	
FP Equity Dist	512.00	548.10†	- 5.70	2.13
-do- Accum	611.55	612.31	- 13.00	2.13
FP Euro Gth	338.00	361.50	- 2.30	
-do- Accum	371.80	396.50	- 2.60	
FP Intl Bond	55.87	59.12	- 0.07	4.27
FP Intl Gth Dist	41.68	44.45	- 0.07	..
-do- Accum	61.22	65.30	- 0.06	.
FP Pac Basin Acc	223.30	238.10	+ 1.60	
FP Income #	66.37	70.73	- 0.59	4.55
-do- Accum #	236.70	251.40	- 2.80	4.55
FP Jap Smllr Cos	250.00	266.60	+ 4.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.56	86.99†	- 0.49	5.13
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†	+ 0.10	5.14
FP Tokyo	77.06	82.19	+ 1.22	
FP UK Focus	47.83	51.01†	- 0.58	1.48
FP UK Growth	227.80	242.90	- 2.60	1.88
-do- Accum	463.30	494.10	- 5.50	1.88
Stewardship Dist	466.60	497.70†	- 0.90	1.24
-do- Accum	593.70	633.20	- 1.10	1.24
Stwdship Inc Dist #	80.09	85.42†	- 0.09	4.93
-do- Accum #	113.20	120.70	- 0.10	4.93
N Am Stshp Dist	140.90	150.20	- 0.20	0.12
-do- Accum	151.60	161.70	- 0.20	0.12
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	116.70	117.20	- 1.00	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	116.70	117.20	- 1.00	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	139.70	148.60†	- 0.59	0.69
Open Cap Gth Acc	141.60	150.60†	- 0.46	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	127.50	135.60	- 0.50	2.98
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	136.60	145.30	- 0.40	2.98
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	131.60	139.90	- 0.58	3.73
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	142.50	151.50	- 0.68	3.73
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	336.00	356.50†	- 3.60	1.62
Cash	49.37	50.11†	+ 0.01	4.56
Growth Portfolio	100.30	106.70	+ 0.20	..
Income Portfolio	79.75	84.62†	- 0.51	2.58
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	242.50	259.40	- 3.00	0.49
Dividend	111.20	118.90	- 1.30	3.91
Int Gth & Inc	278.40	295.60	- 1.80	1.40
UK & Gen	55.82	59.70	- 0.52	1.19
Fund of Funds	80.15	85.72	- 0.15	.
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	204.40	218.60	- 0.80	0.15
European Gth	824.30	876.70	- 5.60	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	57.46	60.66†	- 0.17	3.92
-do- Accum	65.98	69.89	- 0.19	3.92
High Yield #	52.03	54.91†	- 0.30	7.46
-do- Accum #	60.14	63.48	- 0.33	7.46
Income Inc	214.90	229.90	- 1.78	3.75
-do- Accum	249.60	267.00	- 2.00	3.75
Intl Growth	401.80	426.40	- 1.00	0.29
Intl Income	104.30	110.40	- 0.20	2.47
Japan Growth	459.00	487.20	+ 6.80	.
Orient Acc	204.10	218.30	+ 2.10	0.14
UK General Inc	203.80	217.90	- 2.60	1.61
UK General Acc	366.00	391.30	- 4.60	1.61
UK Smr Cos Div Acc	65.30	69.84	- 0.07	1.66
UK Spec Sits	114.60	122.60	- 0.60	1.34
US Growth	203.50	215.30	- 1.10	
Wwide Spec Sits	169.70	180.40	- 0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	65.53	70.03	- 0.94	2.01
Practical Inv Inc #	133.21	142.47†	- 0.15	3.38
-do- Accum #	323.76	346.27†	- 0.36	3.38
UK Index	204.71	205.74	- 1.66	2.95
UK Smaller Cos	235.42	251.79	- 0.52	0.36
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.58	26.49†	- 0.06	6.98
High Income	38.41	41.02†	- 0.29	4.44
UK Growth & Inc	178.40	190.91	- 1.44	2.99
Global Bond	28.14	29.17†	..	4.66
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.61	54.13†	- 0.03	
Global Managed	155.36	165.10†	+ 0.06	1.18
Gold & Intl Res	107.38	114.84	- 0.65	
Global Utilities	163.80	174.62	+ 0.07	0.86
Overseas Funds				
American	216.76	229.76	- 0.56	0.59
European	158.22	167.73	- 1.13	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	243.68	258.66	- 2.10	.
Amer Emerging	169.46	180.68	- 0.24	
Hong Kong	201.07	214.84	+ 2.93	1.00
Japan	210.32	223.22	+ 2.32	
Pacific Growth	222.46	238.90	+ 2.21	.
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	283.20	283.20†	- 1.54	1.78
Long Term Bal	301.17	301.17†	- 1.25	2.59
Med Term Bal	246.08	246.08†	- 1.02	2.80
UK Equity	337.82	337.82†	- 3.07	2.37
UK Emerging Cos	190.49	190.49	- 0.70	1.96
American	372.16	372.16	- 0.21	0.48
Japan	124.50	124.50	+ 1.84	
European	410.09	410.09	- 3.18	0.73
Index Linked Gilt	194.39	194.39	+ 0.05	2.64
Fixed Interest	191.51	191.51†	- 0.20	6.88
Amer Emergos	376.16	376.16	- 0.49	
Pacific	225.42	225.42	+ 2.44	0.84
Emerging Mkts	137.11	137.11	- 0.10	0.61
Index Strat Japan	131.29	131.29	+ 1.44	0.25
-do- Pacific Rim	203.78	203.78	+ 1.37	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	218.07	218.07	- 1.19	1.27
Index Strat USA	221.09	221.09	- 0.03	1.37
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	133.75	142.29	- 0.78	
Med Term Bal	117.74	125.35	- 0.52	
Cash Trust	150.23	150.23†	+ 0.02	5.46
Long Term Bal	134.25	142.92	- 2.39	
UK Equity	157.41	167.45	- 1.53	
UK Emerging Cos	89.77	95.50	- 0.35	
American	172.72	183.74	- 0.10	
Japan	59.55	63.34	+ 0.93	
European	170.65	181.54	- 1.41	
Fixed Interest	99.16	105.48	- 0.11	
Index Linked Gilt	86.70	92.23	+ 0.02	
Deposit	90.53	96.31	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Val	166.09	174.83	- 0.02	0.49
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	719.93	756.31	+ 7.54	0.60
-do- Accum	905.98	953.49	+ 9.56	0.60
European Inc	197.96	210.37	- 2.73	1.08
Arcadiam Inc	172.70	194.79	- 3.72	
N America Inc	424.83	451.55	- 3.52	
Far East Inc	376.70	400.74	+ 1.50	0.17
-do- Accum	390.98	415.92	+ 1.57	0.17
UK Dvdd Inc	229.43	244.13	- 4.17	[illegible]
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7388				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	130.520	131.00	- 7.05	
Do NAV to Jan 20	123.59	123.59		
US Equity Safeguard	103.59	129.71	- 0.30	2.47
Do NAV to Jun 20	96.63	96.63		
Cash	95.362	95.723		5.52
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	326.20	347.00†	- 2.00	1.79
British Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.50	1.42
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FTSE 250 Index	94.21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Geared UK Index	17.9657	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.02
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	102.32	109.33†	- 0.80	4.74
Corp Bd	90.17	[illegible]	- 0.04	
Monthly Inc	41.54	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.70
International Funds				
American Gen	251.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	
American Strat	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.50	
JG US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.30
European Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.71
European Strat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Strat	51.56	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Asia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Strat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Greater China	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Latin America	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Balanced Exempt	148.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9669				
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Guardbill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
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HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	187.29	198.56	+ 4.45	
Pacific Smlr Cos	234.52	249.85	+ 2.55	
North American	359.22	380.89	- 0.88	.
American Smaller	176.82	188.55†	- 0.32	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	172.80	181.10	- 0.70	5.00
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	139.73	146.32†	- 1.00	1.55
Capital	224.88	235.58	- 1.20	1.55
Dollar	550.51	576.45	- 1.42	...
Enterprise Gth	452.05	473.35	- 3.67	0.78
European	317.83	332.59	- 1.60	0.11
Far East	300.54	314.70	+ 3.48	0.53
Financial	512.72	273.32	- 11.21	1.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.43	28.53†	- 0.03	6.48
High Yield #	126.41	132.37	- 0.79	4.50
Income & Growth #	184.54	193.24†	- 1.47	3.36
International	315.55	330.42	- 0.98	0.31
Japanese General	186.39	195.18	+ 9.98	
Japan Tech	84.33	88.30	+ 0.49	
Nat Resources	79.10	82.82†	- 0.27	0.60
Portfolio	90.51	94.77†	- 0.45	1.28
Special Sits	235.73	246.84	- 1.23	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	138.54	145.07	- 0.34	0.95
US Smaller Cos	156.86	164.25	- 0.46	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 850 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	723.60	772.30	- 7.10	4.38
UK Growth	796.30	849.80†	- 6.70	1.46
High Income #	128.90	137.50	- 0.90	5.53
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	696.70	737.30†	- 3.10	0.29
European Gwth	173.30	184.10	- 0.80	0.20
Japan Gwth	266.80	282.60	+ 2.20	.
Japan Smlr Cos	28.47	30.38	+ 0.43	.
Asian	61.79	65.94	+ 0.40	.
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.90	89.54†	+ 0.91	.
Hong Kong Gwth	198.90	212.10	+ 2.40	0.82
Global Bond	21.22	22.35	- 0.07	4.89
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	192.50	193.50	- 1.60	2.84
Tobac Index	135.39	138.70	- 0.50	2.07
THE FOOTSIE FUND	77.16	77.55	- 0.75	2.23
Index Funds-International				
American Index	334.70	336.40	- 0.50	0.89
Eurotrack 100	227.40	228.50	- 0.90	1.29
Japan Index	69.55	69.90	+ 0.91	0.09
Tiger Index	175.10	179.10	+ 0.80	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.76	58.24	- 0.08	1.19
General Funds				
Managed Dist	96.70	101.60†	- 0.20	1.02
Managed	100.20	104.60†	- 0.20	1.02
Export Child Fnd	120.70	125.80†	- 1.16	1.83
UK Growth	79.55	83.06†	- 0.66	1.47
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	98.16	102.50	- 0.50	5.21
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.50	28.80	- 0.07	7.43
UK Inc & Gwth	54.27	56.68†	- 0.52	2.68
UK Income #	421.50	440.20†	- 0.60	4.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	66.48	68.69	- 0.24	...
Amer Smlr Cos	160.50	167.60	+ 0.30	..
-do- Accum	162.20	169.40	+ 0.30	..
Europe Gth	271.00	283.00	- 1.20	..
-do- Accum	280.60	293.10	- 1.30	..
Euro Smaller Cos	49.52	51.97	- 0.31	.
French Growth	109.00	113.10	- 1.60	0.03
-do- Accum	118.00	122.58	- 1.60	0.03
H Kong & China	130.50	136.00	+ 3.10	0.48
Intl Growth	75.32	78.46	+ 0.84	0.36
-do- Accum	76.74	79.94	+ 0.04	0.36
Japan Gth	27.71	28.86	+ 0.55	.
-do- Accum	27.71	28.88	+ 0.65	.
Japan Smaller Cos	31.33	32.70	+ 0.70	.
Glob Emg Mkts	102.00	106.50	...	
-do- Accum	102.80	107.40	..	0.17
SE Asia	344.70	360.00	+ 4.40	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.38	50.91†	- 0.12	6.36
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	119.10	126.90†	- 1.80	3.22
UK Growth	122.70	130.60†	- 1.80	1.62
Hy 5 Europe	110.20	115.90	- 2.00	1.92
Slater Gwth	215.50	229.90	- 1.30	0.67
New Japan	87.12	91.98	+ 1.97	..
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3030				
World Health	188.20	200.20	+ 0.20	.
Income #	249.36	264.21	- 0.43	3.93
UK Growth	95.75	101.86	- 0.42	1.82
Intl Growth	95.11	101.18	- 0.01	0.55
Ecology	111.15	118.24†	+ 0.32	0.88
European	237.38	252.53	- 0.92	0.20
Far Eastern	327.30	348.10	+ 3.20	
UK Special Sits	60.61	64.65†	- 0.25	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.89	61.74†	- 0.02	
High Income #	56.01	59.74†	- 0.35	4.69
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.20	108.70	- 0.30	6.53
Euro Pfw Inc	114.50	121.80	+ 0.10	2.75
-do- Accum	114.50	121.80	+ 0.10	2.75
Gilt Yield	123.30	130.00	- 0.20	6.22
Global Income	247.20	263.00†	- 0.30	2.97
High Yield	182.30	194.50†	- 1.90	4.79
-do- Accum	616.80	656.20†	- 6.30	4.72
Money Market	99.86	99.86†	+ 0.01	5.65
Smlr Cos Div	66.02	70.22†	- 0.35	3.68
Tomorrow Co Eq Acc	10.81	10.96	- 0.08	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	163.10	173.50	- 0.40	.
Asian Growth	304.70	324.10	+ 1.40	..
-do- Accum	358.10	381.00	+ 1.90	
North American	121.90	129.70		
European Special	148.70	158.20	- 0.30	1.05
European	204.90	218.00	- 0.70	0.44
-do- Accum	271.40	288.70	- 1.00	0.44
Global Eqty Inc	133.80	142.00	- 0.30	1.56
Japan	383.40	407.90	+ 5.40	
Japanese Special	199.30	212.00	+ 4.00	
Smaller Cos	160.00	170.20†	- 0.10	0.92
UK Equity Growth	62.54	66.53	- 0.44	1.07
UK Index Inc	362.50	384.40†	- 2.50	1.45
Bircham Tst	115.60	124.20†	+ 4.30	1.77
-do- Accum	117.70	126.40†	+ 4.50	1.77
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	344.95	368.97†	- 3.34	4.50
Est Growth	107.22	114.06†	- 0.57	1.32
Inc & Growth	77.85	82.82	- 0.73	3.40
Smaller Cos	100.35	106.75†	- 0.24	1.18
Ever Spec Sit Inc	63.36	67.40†	- 0.36	1.68
Ever Spec Sit Acc	66.49	70.73†	- 0.37	1.68
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	510.60	541.80	- 3.20	1.61
UK Inc/Gth #	545.30	578.60	- 4.10	3.31
UK Income #	382.90	406.30†	- 2.50	4.15
UK Sm Cos	320.50	342.80	- 0.80	1.72
Euro Gwth	180.90	191.80	- 1.20	0.15
N Amer Gwth	135.30	143.60	- 0.50	...
Japan Growth	55.64	57.85	+ 1.00	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	686.30	666.30†	- 6.10	2.46
-do- Accum @	813.90	813.80†	- 13.00	2.46
Equity Income @ #	114.30	114.30	0.60	4.58
UK Tactical Allocn @	77.73	77.73	- 0.79	4.12
European @	166.80	166.80	- 1.10	0.66
Far Eastern @	229.80	229.80	+ 2.30	
Fixed Interest @	50.98	56.58	- 0.10	6.74
Gilt @	94.06	94.06†	- 0.10	6.07
Global Growth @	86.64	86.64†	+ 0.12	0.37
Intl Bond @	49.83	49.83	- 0.02	4.86
Japanese @	68.03	68.03	+ 0.87	
North American @	246.30	246.30	- 0.30	0.42
Pacific Growth @	122.40	122.40	+ 0.70	0.44
Pacific Index @	48.30	48.30	+ 0.15	2.02
UK Index @	87.45	92.45†	- 0.73	2.94
UK Recovery @	125.60	125.60†	- 1.00	1.58
UK Smaller Cos @	169.40	169.40	- 0.30	1.35
US Index @	97.33	97.33	- 0.11	1.04
European Index @	105.40	105.40	- 0.79	1.33
Japan Index @	35.68	35.68	- 0.50	..
Worldwide @	107.30	107.30†	- 0.40	1.41
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 621				
Growth	84.36	89.57	- 0.64	2.49
Income	74.78	79.97	- 0.63	3.94
Far East	49.00	52.40	+ 0.40	
North American	141.10	150.60	- 0.28	
Global	101.50	108.50	+ 0.10	0.29
European	113.40	121.00	- 0.90	0.66
Japan	30.61	96.89	+ 1.43	
Intl Currency Bd	56.87	60.64	+ 0.07	4.79
SE Asia	101.50	108.50	+ 0.20	0.33
UK Gen Growth	114.35	122.20	- 1.10	1.46
Recovery Trust	97.38	104.80†		1.35
Managed	79.21	84.71	- 0.47	1.55
Cash	50.58	50.58	+ 0.01	4.50
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 305 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	460.90	489.40†	- 5.00	2.07
-do- Accum	771.10	811.80	- 12.00	2.07
Cont Euro Gth	91.99	96.34	- 0.33	0.04
-do- Accum	99.62	104.90	- 0.40	0.04
Extra Inc #	317.80	338.10†	- 6.70	3.79
Extra Inc Acc #	300.90	958.50	- 10.30	3.79
FTSE 100 Inc	144.40	153.70	- 1.60	2.17
FTSE 100 Acc	156.80	160.50	1.30	2.17
German Gth	159.90	163.40	3.30	
-do- Accum	167.70	176.60	3.60	
Growth Fast	730.10	776.80	- 14.40	0.10
-do- Accum	760.80	909.40	- 15.70	0.10
High Interest Inc	102.20	109.10	- 0.38	7.33
High Interest Acc	114.30	119.10	- 0.40	7.33
Hi Reserve Inc #	114.30	121.70†	- 1.30	5.94
Hi Reserve Acc #	129.00	137.30	- 1.40	5.94
Income Inc #	625.80	665.30†	- 15.20	3.22
Income Acc #	1181.10	1193.30	- 43.00	3.22
Income Port	620.50	660.20†	- 4.80	4.14
-do- Accum	715.10	760.90	- 5.70	4.14
Japan Growth	95.75	101.90	+ 1.40	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	95.09	102.30	+ 1.40	
Master Trust	74.14	78.88	- 0.38	1.29
-do- Accum	85.62	91.09	- 0.44	1.29
Millennium Acc	108.80	115.80	...	2.05
N American Gen	272.00	289.40	- 2.00	.
-do- Accum	314.80	334.90	- 2.40	
NAm Sm Co Rec	186.80	198.80	- 0.30	..
-do- Accum	190.60	202.80	- 0.40	...
Pacific Basin	244.90	260.60	+ 2.80	0.48
-do- Accum	261.80	277.70	+ 2.90	0.48
Safety First Acc	103.80	109.30	- 0.80	2.10
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	541.30	569.80†	- 17.20	1.70
-do- Accum	753.80	793.30	- 24.00	1.70
UK Eq Gth	187.10	199.19	- 4.30	2.29
UK Eq Inc #	147.40	156.90	- 1.70	3.81
UK Growth	120.30	128.00	- 1.30	1.70
-do- Accum	152.10	161.90	- 1.70	1.70
Worldwide Gth	382.30	406.80	- 1.00	0.34
-do- Accum	565.50	601.60	- 1.80	0.34
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	100.40	107.46	- 0.01	0.80
General	120.95	129.77†	- 1.42	2.80
Income	82.38	88.38	- 0.89	4.70
International	79.68	85.43	+ 0.04	0.50
Japan	53.45	57.32	+ 0.69	.
Tst of Inv Tsts	82.62	88.84†	- 0.08	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Admin Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	572.80	604.80	- 0.50	0.37
-do- Accum	717.80	757.50	- 0.60	0.31
Amer Recovery	662.70	700.80†	- 3.20	0.02
-do- Accum	788.50	818.50†	- 3.60	0.02
Amer Smlr Cos	157.70	166.10	- 1.80	...
-do- Accum	160.80	169.70	- 1.10	
Australasian	224.20	237.10	- 1.50	1.90
-do- Accum	284.20	300.60	- 2.00	1.90
Capital	1048.50	1108.80	- 4.50	2.75
-do- Accum	1264.90	1337.70	- 5.30	2.75
Charifund	870.90	879.70†	- 6.40	5.46
-do- Accum	4682.00	4708.20†	- 34.60	5.46
Commodity	502.60	531.50	- 2.30	0.39
-do- Accum	743.20	786.00	- 3.40	0.37
Compound Gth	1204.70	1274.00†	- 10.50	2.89
-do- Accum	1347.20	1424.70†	- 11.80	2.89
Corporate Bond	27.23	27.53	- 0.04	6.80
Dividend	48.47	51.20†	- 0.20	4.59
-do- Accum	223.10	236.00†	- 1.70	4.59
Equity Income	354.90	376.20	- 1.80	5.41
-do- Accum	502.80	531.80	- 2.30	5.41
Euro & General	728.20	770.10	- 1.80	0.67
-do- Accum	935.20	988.10	- 2.30	0.69
Euro Dividend	91.78	97.00	- 0.20	3.41
-do- Accum	117.80	124.40	- 0.40	3.41
Euro Smlr Cos	58.20	61.50†	- 0.18	0.50
-do- Accum	58.40	61.70†	- 0.19	0.50
Extra Yield	516.70	546.40	- 4.40	4.90
-do- Accum	1773.70	1875.90	- 15.00	4.90
Fund of Inv Tsts	768.30	812.50†	- 0.20	1.28
-do- Accum	1498.90	1585.10†	- 0.50	1.28
General	77.30	81.70	- 0.70	3.57
-do- Accum	232.60	245.40	- 2.00	3.57
Gilt Income	64.65	64.75†	- 0.04	6.20
-do- Accum	204.32	204.64†	- 0.13	6.20
Gold	65.20	69.80	- 0.20	0.96
-do- Accum	78.30	82.80	- 0.30	0.96
High Income	36.80	38.90	- 0.30	4.48
-do- Accum	160.10	169.40	- 1.20	4.48
Intl Growth	97.90	103.50	+ 0.30	0.71
-do- Accum	173.40	183.40	+ 0.60	0.71
International Inc	120.00	126.90†	+ 0.10	4.17
-do- Accum	195.10	206.40†	+ 0.20	4.17
Japan & Gen	35.30	37.20†	+ 0.50	...
-do- Accum	37.90	40.00†	+ 0.60	...
Japan Smlr Cos	124.20	131.20†	+ 3.00	...
-do- Accum	125.00	132.20†	+ 3.20	...
Managed Gwth	28.80	30.40		1.51
Managed Income	32.50	34.10†	- 0.10	4.14
Midland	62.50	66.10†	- 0.20	3.16
-do- Accum	222.40	235.40†	- 0.60	3.16
Pension Ex	1163.00	1212.60†	- 8.80	3.07
Recovery	50.30	53.20	- 0.30	2.80
-do- Accum	87.20	92.40	- 0.40	2.80
Second General	79.60	84.20	- 0.30	3.79
-do- Accum	220.20	233.00	- 0.80	3.79
Smaller Cos	67.70	71.60	- 0.30	3.08
-do- Accum	142.20	150.60	- 0.60	3.08
Sth East Asia	399.50	422.50	+ 1.90	1.24
-do- Accum	536.00	566.80	+ 2.50	1.24
Treasury	25.18	25.22†	+ 0.01	5.92
Trustee	47.20	49.90†	- 0.30	4.92
-do- Accum	209.40	221.50†	- 1.40	4.92
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	117.86	124.53†	+ 0.58	0.37
Intl Bond	61.86	64.98†	+ 0.21	4.77
Intl Equity Growth	93.23	98.98†	+ 0.10	0.45
N Amer Growth	152.21	161.70	+ 0.36	0.73
Special Sits Growth	31.85	33.66	+ 0.28	1.97
UK Growth	520.81	554.05†	- 5.80	5.60
-do- Accum	726.51	772.88	+ 7.81	2.44
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1529.90	1563.10†		2.78
Income #	1115.70	1132.20		4.40
MALDOR UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.80	189.90		4.00
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	96.80	101.70†	- 0.40	6.46
M & S Inv Pfolio	195.50	201.30	- 0.70	2.38
-do- Accum	234.00	247.30	- 0.80	2.38
UK Sel Pfolio	177.70	183.20	- 1.10	2.33
-do- Accum	216.30	223.00	- 1.40	2.33
UK 100 Cos	136.90	136.90	- 1.10	2.43
-do- Accum	140.30	140.30	- 1.10	2.43
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.84	77.49		3.39
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	94.12	99.92	- 0.48	2.94
European	117.10	124.30	- 0.50	0.30
Income #	94.35	100.20†	- 0.70	3.11
Nth American	108.00	114.70	- 0.20	0.02
Far East	191.20	203.00	+ 1.40	0.15
Japan	63.22	67.11	+ 1.18	
Emging Mkts	97.30	104.10	+ 0.10	
Intl Growth	147.00	156.10†	+ 0.10	0.32
UK Growth	135.30	143.60	- 1.20	2.22
UK Smlr Co	66.65	70.75†	- 0.19	1.45
Asia Pacific	43.12	42.92	+ 0.18	0.38
Cldn Gwth PEP	71.34	75.36	- 0.13	0.31
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	108.70	115.70†	- 0.70	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	525.93	559.50	- 5.28	3.14
Global Inc	81.66	86.87	- 0.66	3.45
Bst Leaders	424.77	451.88	- 4.72	1.60
Intl Leaders	253.38	269.55	- 1.36	0.65
PSM Mg Bal Grth	75.22	78.31	- 0.19	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	308.20	324.90	+ 0.300	
-do- Accum	329.50	347.40	+ 0.300	
American Opps	118.70	126.60	- 0.10	..
-do- Accum	120.10	128.10	- 0.20	.
British Blue Chip	110.80	117.80†	- 1.30	2.56
-do- Accum	144.50	153.50†	- 1.70	2.56
Cash	100.40	100.40		5.73
-do- Accum	152.40	152.40	+ 0.100	5.73
Emerging Mkts	147.20	158.30	+ 0.100	0.65
-do- Accum	149.10	160.30	+ 0.100	0.65
European Growth	377.10	399.00	- 2.80	0.48
-do- Accum	411.20	435.00	- 3.10	0.48
European Income	99.55	105.40	- 0.70	3.89
-do- Accum	145.10	153.10	- 1.10	3.89
General	667.10	711.70	- 7.10	2.22
-do- Accum	1387.00	1475.00	- 14.00	2.22
Global Bond	127.50	133.90	- 0.20	4.90
-do- Accum	175.30	182.00	- 0.30	4.90
Gold & General	188.70	202.80	- 1.10	0.36
-do- Accum	195.70	209.60	- 1.20	0.36
Govt Securities	99.43	101.50		5.16
-do- Accum	211.50	218.00		5.16
High Yield Gilt	106.00	108.50	- 0.10	6.47
-do- Accum	115.70	118.50	- 0.20	6.47
Income	212.20	225.60†	- 2.40	3.99
-do- Accum	362.20	385.50†	- 4.10	3.99
Inc Portfolio #	127.00	138.10†	- 0.80	4.90
-do- Accum #	135.20	143.30†	- 0.90	4.90
Intl Opts	600.10	640.10	+ 0.400	0.75
-do- Accum	813.00	867.30	+ 0.600	0.75
Japan	170.80	182.10	+ 2.200	
-do- Accum	175.40	187.40	+ 2.300	
New Europe	266.30	284.80	- 2.20	0.98
-do- Accum	273.40	299.00	- 2.40	0.98
Pacific	109.00	116.70	+ 0.300	0.47
-do- Accum	117.90	125.80	+ 0.500	0.47
Recovery	507.60	541.40†	- 2.70	1.80
-do- Accum	675.50	721.00†	- 3.60	1.90
UK Smaller Cos	66.06	77.46		1.44
-do- Accum	76.44	81.54		1.44
Portfolio	102.30	108.30†	- 0.70	2.38
-do- Accum	127.90	135.70†	- 0.90	2.38
Managed Gth	132.80	137.00	- 7.60	1.02
Managed Inc	129.80	134.70	- 0.90	3.86
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
European Pfos	178.55	189.93†	- 1.09	0.13
Portfolio	58.77	94.53	- 0.58	1.27
UK Income Inc	103.67	110.29	- 1.18	4.23
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	75.95	79.53	- 0.34	2.45
-do- Accum	85.08	89.09	- 0.39	2.45
British Inc	123.10	128.90	- 0.30	2.12
-do- Accum	150.50	157.60	- 0.30	2.12
Corp Bond Inc	102.30	106.00†	- 0.30	6.40
-do- Accum	107.50	111.40†	- 0.20	6.40
Extra High Inc	76.66	80.48	- 0.46	6.43
-do- Accum	170.10	178.10	- 1.10	6.43
FTSE 100 Acc	85.53	96.47	- 0.36	2.15
FTSE 100 Dist	76.95	80.58	- 0.30	2.15
Gilt & Fxd Inc	57.55	60.30	- 0.03	6.40
-do- Accum	189.50	197.25	- 0.10	6.40
High Yield	259.10	271.30†	- 1.80	5.43
-do- Accum	742.50	777.50†	- 5.00	5.39
Household Names	135.90	106.40	- 1.10	2.16
Income	365.60	382.80	+ 0.20	3.87
-do- Accum	872.10	913.20	- 0.30	3.81
Money Market UT	49.38	49.33†	+ 0.01	5.33
-do- Accum	65.41	65.41†	+ 0.02	5.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	104.70	109.60†	- 0.80	4.02
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	156.95	166.90	- 1.40	1.18
European Growth	157.50	166.90	..	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	106.50	113.00	- 0.10	4.91
Income	118.70	126.30	- 1.20	2.02
Japan Growth	45.50	48.23	...	...
Managed	92.86	98.81	- 0.43	1.76
Money Market	98.40	104.30	...	3.85
North American	125.60	133.26	..	0.34
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	142.20	151.30	- 1.30	1.17
European Growth	147.70	156.60	..	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	98.86	105.90		4.95
Income	116.40	123.80	- 1.10	2.07
Japan Growth	45.32	48.04	...	
Managed	89.26	94.95	- 0.42	1.75
Money Market	99.64	96.08	+ 0.02	3.82
North American	112.80	119.60	..	0.41
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	141.00	150.00	- 1.30	1.17
European Growth	144.50	153.20		
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.97	95.42	- 0.05	5.17
Income	113.00	120.20	- 1.10	2.13
Japan Growth	46.88	49.46	..	
Managed	91.97	97.84	- 0.43	1.77
Money Market	82.27	87.28	+ 0.02	3.99
North American	126.60	134.20	..	0.31
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	502.40	533.10	- 0.20	.
European Gth Inc	638.00	680.10	- 4.50	...
-do- Accum	645.00	687.50	- 4.80	...
Intl Gwth	255.20	270.30†	+ 0.90	
UK Equity Inc	246.40	262.80†	- 2.00	3.93
Do. Accum	341.70	363.00†	- 2.80	3.93
UK Growth Inc	142.40	152.50	- 1.20	3.12
-do- Accum	148.80	157.30	- 1.30	3.12
UK Ind-Trckr Inc	220.70	235.60	- 1.90	2.85
-do- Accum	275.80	294.30	- 2.50	2.85
US Fd Ind Tk Inc	323.10	341.40	+ 0.30	0.98
Japan Tracker	84.96	88.53†	+ 0.96	...
Asian Tracker	224.20	241.80†	+ 1.80	0.28
Mngd Pfolio Inc	206.70	220.30	- 1.00	1.61
Mngd Pfolio Acc	226.90	241.80	- 1.80	1.61
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	+ 0.01	5.69
Europa	277.40	297.50	- 0.90	
Germany	224.50	242.80†	- 0.10	2.33
High Income	21.22	22.60†	- 0.08	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 828				
American	119.10	121.70†	- 0.80	1.84
American Inc	107.20	109.59†	- 0.50	1.84
American Reserve	102.00	103.00†	- 0.30	6.60
-do- Inc	76.61	77.28†	- 0.14	6.60
American Growth	75.25	77.41	- 0.12	..
Equity Income #	118.80	121.90	- 0.90	3.73
European	87.24	98.97	- 0.40	0.12
Smaller Cos	102.90	107.50	- 0.50	0.84
W'wide Eqty	84.36	86.72†	+ 0.06	..
Global Bond	41.67	42.11†	+ 0.06	4.72
UK Growth	129.30	133.00†	- 1.20	1.14
Pacific Growth	117.00	120.30	+ 1.30	0.54
Japan Growth	91.26	92.78	- 0.61	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	169.42	179.17	- 1.65	2.29
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	137.20	144.50	- 0.80	0.28
European Dist	172.40	181.50†	- 1.10	0.28
Far East Dist	182.50	192.10	+ 2.30	..
Global Care Dist	84.84	89.83	+ 0.06	0.48
Oseas Dist	1198.00	1261.10	+ 2.10	...
-do- Accum	1557.10	1639.00	+ 2.70	...
UK Dist	489.70	509.20†	- 4.90	1.64
-do- Accum	1002.40	1055.30	- 10.70	1.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	102.50	107.90	- 0.70	5
Wwide Dist	127.30	134.00†	+ 0.30	0.08
Wwide Inc Dist	94.17	99.13†	- 0.34	1.45
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 308				
Europe Inc	91.82	96.70	- 0.70	0.39
Fund of Funds Inc	76.50	80.74	- 0.32	1.26
North America Inc	73.73	77.82†	- 0.10	...
UK Equity Gth Inc	76.49	80.73†	- 0.73	1.91
-do- Accum	83.91	88.56	- 0.88	1.91
UK General Inc	73.61	77.69†	- 0.48	2.38
-do- Accum	82.49	87.06	- 0.55	2.38
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	49.12	51.73†	- 0.04	5.39
UK Income Inc	73.30	77.36†	- 0.78	3.84
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.80	132.80†	- 0.60	0.97
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	56.67	59.84	- 0.27	..
-do- Accum	56.51	60.11	- 0.27	..
Bond	126.84	126.86	- 0.42	3.56
Cash Income	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.01	5.28
-do- Accum	78.96	78.96†	+ 0.01	5.28
Distributor	116.74	124.19	- 0.81	2.89
European	84.65	88.98	- 0.52	.
Foundation	121.60	129.36	- 0.73	2.38
General Inc	252.82	268.74	- 4.49	1.23
General Acc	256.27	272.62	- 4.55	1.23
Growth Inc	157.69	167.75†	- 3.24	1.91
Growth Acc	163.62	174.06†	- 3.34	1.91
Higher Income Inc	38.92	38.27	- 0.24	4.56
-do- Accum	45.77	48.69	- 0.29	4.56
Income	301.52	320.76†	- 6.01	3.08
Intl	166.08	172.69†		1.29
Intl Gwth	42.58	45.29†	+ 0.32	..
Japan	27.89	29.66	+ 0.17	..
Oriental Inc	146.37	155.71	- 1.05	0.48
-do- Accum	151.61	161.28	- 1.08	0.48
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2655				
High Income #	52.85	55.83†	- 0.36	5.68
UK Growth	128.10	135.60	..	2.42
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	155.20	163.37	- 0.54	1.09
UK Equity	190.42	200.44	- 1.64	2.53
UK Equity Income	169.13	178.03†	- 1.53	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	152.55	161.87	- 0.22	1.19
UK Equity Growth	166.64	175.41	- 1.24	1.82
UK Index Trckg	192.35	203.91	- 1.46	2.48
Intl Index Trckg	187.26	197.64	+ 0.23	0.73
International	209.20	214.95†	- 0.06	0.57
European	288.86	304.06	- 1.30	0.95
Pan European	188.75	198.68†	- 1.18	1.18
Nth American	267.97	281.97†	- 0.72	0.41
N Amer Smlr Cos	277.00	291.58	- 1.73	..
Japanese	90.28	95.03	+ 1.48	..
Pacific	234.83	247.19	+ 2.15	0.48
South East Asian	271.70	286.00	+ 2.47	0.54
Sterling Bond	104.51	110.01†	- 0.10	6.50
Intl Bond	125.67	132.28	- 0.35	4.36
Gilt & Convertible	114.57	120.60	- 0.09	5.73
Property	88.25	92.90	- 0.08	5.60
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	391.60	420.10†	+ 0.50	0.12
-do- Accum	416.20	446.40†	+ 0.40	0.12
Japan Inc	99.62	105.70	+ 1.30	..
Nth America Inc	175.50	187.00	- 0.40	0.03
Worldwide Inc	199.90	213.40	+ 0.60	0.71
Hong Kong Inc	208.90	222.70	+ 2.10	0.88
Swiss Equities Inc	102.40	109.20†	- 0.50	..
Wwide Bond Inc	67.56	71.42	- 0.15	5.06
Emging Asia Inc	184.10	198.50	+ 1.20	..
-do- Accum	184.80	199.20	+ 1.30	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.12	50.12†	+ 0.01	5.24
Thailand Inc	73.29	78.87	+ 0.47	2.89
New Zealand Inc	100.40	107.59	- 0.40	2.34
Int Mngd PEP Inc	79.99	85.63	- 0.22	0.80
Latin Am Cap Inc	79.24	85.10	- 0.03	0.79
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	79.67	80.96	- 0.66	2.15
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Bim	88.54	94.53	- 0.23	...
Global Portfolio	78.04	83.47	+ 0.02	..
Way Global Fwd	68.59	73.33†	- 0.20	..
Mason Global Gth	68.31	73.50†	- 0.04	...
AMR Bal Gwth Inc	119.90	128.40†	- 0.90	0.68
Temple Equity Inc	52.28	55.77	- 0.18	2.67
Hartley Growth	133.60	142.10	+ 0.30	0.27
Intl Growth Inc	86.51	92.52	+ 0.45	0.01
IFS Portfolio Inc	92.78	100.70	- 0.42	..
Premier Portfos Inc	71.09	76.03		1.28
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.63	86.24	- 0.09	0.16
UFC Growth	68.98	73.69	- 0.09	...
Clearfield Port of Fds	58.75	82.33	- 0.11	..
Lowes Intl Growth	49.39	51.98		1.24
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3969				
Equity Gth	257.90	274.40	- 1.60	1.43
European Gth	152.90	161.90	- 0.50	0.28
Income & Gth #	174.40	185.50	- 1.10	2.86
Japan Gth	102.60	109.10	+ 2.80	..
Nth Amer Gth	246.60	261.90	- 0.90	0.10
Overseas Gth	135.70	144.20	+ 0.30	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	318.60	338.90	- 4.00	1.75
-do- Accum	704.90	749.90	- 8.90	1.75
Growth	202.80	213.40†	- 2.70	2.13
Income	303.37	322.60†	- 2.70	3.48
Intl Equity	305.50	324.90	- 0.80	0.13
-do- Accum	342.10	363.80	- 0.70	0.13
Equity Income #	82.70	87.97	- 2.06	4.86
Equity Growth	106.90	113.70	- 1.10	1.30
New Europe	117.60	125.20	- 1.40	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	778.20	822.11	- 3.29	0.45
-do- Accum	774.99	828.20	- 3.31	0.45
Income	518.62	552.54†	- 7.60	2.67
Wwide Recovery	500.30	535.00	- 1.77	0.80
Amer Growth Inc	314.78	334.81	- 3.19	0.01
-do- Accum	314.78	334.91	- 3.19	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	298.79	317.43	- 0.27	0.60
Far East Gth Inc	312.82	334.57	- 0.21	0.72
-do- Accum	316.73	338.75	- 0.21	0.72
Euro Gwth Inc	217.51	232.23	- 0.36	0.47
-do- Accum	218.27	233.04	- 0.25	0.47
UK Growth Inc	132.81	142.05	- 1.81	2.38
-do- Accum	145.98	156.13	- 1.98	2.37
High Income	134.83	144.13	- 1.93	3.10
Jap Gwth Inc	181.22	193.82	+ 1.86	0.01
-do- Accum	181.22	193.82	+ 1.86	0.01
PEP Bond	58.70	62.37	- 0.26	6.04
PEP Growth	162.84	174.17	- 0.86	0.51
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	135.56	144.99	+ 0.64	0.28
-do- Accum	136.00	145.48	+ 0.65	0.28
Amer Smlr Co Inc	198.89	212.57	- 1.00	0.01
-do- Accum	198.80	212.57	- 1.00	0.01
Global Bond	54.60	57.42	- 0.20	4.79
UK Smaller Cos Inc	116.26	124.35	- 0.56	1.61
-do- Accum	123.85	139.47	- 0.60	1.61
Lat Am Gwth Inc	39.87	42.65†	- 0.13	0.63
-do- Accum	40.55	43.39	- 0.15	0.63
World Inc PEP #	48.28	51.10	- 0.33	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3827				
American	143.12	152.80†	- 0.64	..
European	110.25	117.28	- 0.14	..
Global	73.94	78.66	- 0.11	..
Pacific	57.95	61.42†	+ 0.26	..
UK Inc & Gth	90.12	95.88	- 0.41	3.42
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	51.79	54.54†	- 0.02	0.10
Emerg Mkts	49.91	52.85	- 0.05	0.96
Euro Fund Acc	48.15	51.09	- 0.06	0.13
Fund of Funds Inc	214.47	225.76	+ 0.09	0.53
Fund of Funds Acc	216.43	227.82	+ 0.10	0.53
High Income #	58.12	61.18†	- 0.29	6.31
Performance	52.61	56.03†	+ 0.03	..
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	187.34	194.75	- 1.37	2.17
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 442				
American Income	126.70	145.40	- 0.50	2.67
Conv & Gilt	124.40	132.30†	- 0.80	4.73
Euro Spc Sit Acc	108.20	115.10	- 1.40	0.06
Extra Income	197.50	210.50	- 2.00	4.32
-do- Accum	262.80	279.50	- 2.70	4.32
Far East	403.40	429.10	+ 1.70	0.57
-do- Accum	411.00	438.10	+ 1.70	0.57
Global Income	30.68	32.55	- 0.27	4.01
High Income	150.70	160.20†	- 1.40	4.22
-do- Accum	197.10	209.70	- 1.90	4.22
International	234.50	249.50	- 0.20	0.47
-do- Accum	244.30	259.90	- 0.20	0.47
Fxd & Fxd Int	49.27	51.35†	- 0.71	6.60
Recovery	98.20	104.50†	- 0.70	2.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	169.90	171.10	+ 0.10	1.49
-do- Accum	179.50	190.90	+ 0.10	1.49
Technology	702.60	747.40	- 2.49	
UK Blue Chip	102.30	108.80	- 0.90	2.71
-do- Accum	120.50	128.20	- 1.00	2.71
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406600 Client Enq: 0345 035500				
Managed Tst	48.60	51.40	- 0.07	1.36
Cash Haven Inc	100.95	101.44†	+ 0.01	5.27
Cash Haven Acc	121.82	122.42	+ 0.01	5.27
Dist Trust Inc	112.68	116.97†	- 0.61	5.35
Dist Trust Acc	130.98	135.71†	- 0.71	5.95
Global Growth	118.14	125.55	- 0.36	1.00
Equity Inc	97.15	103.35†	- 0.51	4.12
Equity	110.00	210.64†	- 0.22	2.11
European	308.97	321.21	- 2.56	0.59
High Income	102.47	108.89†	- 0.57	4.75
Intl Gth	240.78	256.15	+ 0.21	0.77
Intl Sm Co	182.50	109.04†	+ 0.37	0.44
Japanese	193.14	208.15†	+ 3.31	..
Mgd Income Tst #	50.24	51.93†	- 0.11	7.76
Nth Amer	272.80	282.67†	- 0.06	0.58
Pacific Mkts	114.58	118.72	+ 0.57	0.59
Premier Inc	49.22	51.22†	- 0.11	6.42
Sm Cos	114.68	122.00†	- 0.23	1.07
Spec Sits	142.42	151.51	- 1.08	2.26
UK Growth	168.97	179.78	- 1.43	2.13
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	92.11	98.08	- 2.17	3.33
Investment Trust	127.47	134.04	- 0.24	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	117.69	128.19	- 0.22	1.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	384.70	409.10	- 4.70	2.46
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	770.07	816.31	- 1.97	
America (Acc)	903.00	956.77	- 3.00	
Amer Smlr Cos	66.00	70.27	- 0.18	...
Asia	53.31	56.94	+ 0.34	
European	467.89	498.45	- 4.06	0.52
Japan	212.32	225.85	+ 2.08	...
Jap Smlr Cos	33.51	35.78	+ 0.51	
Major UK Cos	137.37	146.51	- 1.75	1.88
Small UK Cos	451.28	481.18	- 1.34	0.27
UK Equity Inc #	204.82	218.02†	- 2.19	3.88
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.48	54.76	+ 0.20	..
Cash	48.47	50.48	+ 0.01	2.92
Emerging Mkts	52.50	55.86	+ 0.15	..
Europe	71.02	74.17	- 0.07	..
Global Fixed Int #	49.87	52.08	- 0.08	5.31
Japan	39.15	40.86	+ 0.45	..
North America	73.49	76.74	- 0.03	..
UK	74.25	77.54	- 0.25	0.53
UK Equity Inc #	69.58	72.66	- 0.46	3.49
UK Fixed Int #	53.30	55.56	- 0.18	7.38
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	58.13	58.16	- 0.06	..
Pep Inc Port #	58.17	58.20	- 0.24	2.90
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.79	97.67	..	..
Gilt	110.05	115.83	- 0.15	..
Managed	131.50	138.42	- 1.02	..
Portfolio	55.24	58.14	- 0.10	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	140.80	149.80	+ 0.40	0.28
Pacific Basin	78.29	83.84	+ 0.10	0.33
High Inc Dist	184.20	197.00	- 1.90	3.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	71.42	- 0.26	3.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	91.76	- 0.28	0.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.46	[illegible]
UK Emerging Cos	149.20	159.80†	- 1.00	1.31
UK Index Tckg	228.70	240.90†	- 1.98	3.31
European	198.30	212.50	- 2.10	0.14
Managed	202.70	216.70	- 1.20	0.98
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	222.80	236.80	+ 1.00	1.08
European Growth	164.20	174.40	- 1.30	1.61
Far East Growth	150.80	160.50	+ 1.00	0.78
Japan Growth	115.30	122.00†	- 0.10	..
Special Sits	276.80	294.50	- 0.60	1.52
UK Growth	119.70	127.30	- 1.30	2.45
Intl Growth	312.20	332.20†	- 0.60	1.54
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	[illegible]	199.80	+ 1.80	[illegible]
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	485.20	519.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 4.60	[illegible]
Greenfy Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.30	0.58
-do- Accum	[illegible]	183.20	- 0.30	0.58
International Inc	444.90	470.70	- 1.90	0.58
-do- Accum	613.50	651.30	- 1.50	0.59
Nth Amr & Intl Inc	427.50	452.40	- 2.10	0.13
UK Gen Prog Inc	280.60	296.90	- 1.90	0.87
-do- Accum	325.20	344.10	- 2.20	0.87
UK High Inc Inc	188.70	[illegible]	- 1.10	3.09
SAMA BIL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 930 0572				
Asian Gwth	132.24	140.67	+ 0.96	0.25
European Gwth	110.40	117.13	- 0.73	1.00
Global Bd	60.71	64.16	+ 0.16	5.00
Japan	51.01	54.26	+ 0.97	..
UK Gwth	97.26	103.48	- 0.78	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 370				
Amer Smlr Cos	149.60	158.10	- 1.00	
Cash	138.20	138.23		5.74
China Dragon	80.59	85.73†	+ 0.51	0.00
Commodity	145.30	154.50	- 0.70	
Emerging Mkts	42.38	44.08	+ 0.06	0.11
European Gwth	279.20	297.02	- 2.10	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	80.28	85.40	- 0.11	0.01
Extra Income #	82.23	85.81	- 0.44	5.42
Far Eastern	101.80	108.30†	+ 1.20	
FE Sm Cos	45.01	47.88	+ 0.21	..
Financial Secs	379.20	403.40	- 2.70	1.35
Gold & Exploration	95.13	100.55	- 1.01	
Growth	501.70	504.20	- 3.80	1.65
High Income	92.07	97.97†	- 0.71	6.72
Intl Bond	157.80	166.80	+ 0.40	5.25
ITO	258.80	275.40†	+ 0.30	0.90
Japan Growth	155.70	165.20	+ 2.50	
Japan Smaller	152.50	162.20†	+ 3.00	
Korea	38.47	40.93	+ 0.77	
Latin America	48.64	51.74	- 0.49	0.38
Marketeer	66.95	70.70	- 0.18	1.60
Premier Eq Gth	193.10	203.38	- 2.30	1.60
Premier Eq Inc #	409.30	435.20†	- 3.30	4.41
SE Asia	42.20	50.74†	+ 0.60	0.30
Southern Africa	57.53	61.31	- 0.06	1.33
UK & O'seas	225.80	240.20	- 2.60	1.70
UK Eqty Gth	94.19	100.20†	- 0.80	1.89
UK Eqty Inc #	296.20	315.20	- 2.80	3.65
UK Gilt & Inc #	343.50	365.40	- 3.30	3.12
UK Sm Cos	83.39	87.44	- 0.69	1.09
US Growth	243.50	256.90	- 0.70	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	389.06	412.89	- 3.07	0.03
-do- Accum	432.94	458.80	- 4.20	0.03
European Gwth	104.67	110.99	- 0.57	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	124.80	132.74	- 0.52	0.16
Far Eastern Gth	108.45	115.89	+ 1.14	..
-do- Accum	110.56	117.92	+ 1.18	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.39	57.30	- 0.10	6.86
Global Bond #	47.58	49.15	+ 0.13	6.16
-do- Accum #	50.10	60.01	+ 0.13	6.16
Global Emer Mkts	58.08	61.83	+ 0.03	..
-do- Accum	58.12	61.86†	+ 0.02	..
Income #	472.90	500.99	- 3.12	4.51
-do- Accum #	516.30	517.20	- 0.80	4.51
Japan Smlr Cos	338.20	360.74	+ 7.18	..
-do- Accum	338.86	361.48	+ 7.20	..
Japan Enterprise	63.85	67.88†	+ 1.61	..
Pacific Gwth	158.90	170.56	+ 0.54	0.53
-do- Accum	165.22	177.31	+ 0.56	0.53
Portfolio	105.28	112.28	- 0.32	1.57
-do- Accum	118.01	125.82	- 0.37	1.57
Steel	32.88	35.07†	+ 0.02	..
-do- Accum	32.88	35.07†	+ 0.02	..
Smaller Cos	362.54	388.78	- 1.76	1.11
-do- Accum	381.93	409.22	- 2.10	1.11
Strategic Inc	109.82	117.22	- 0.08	2.43
Strategic Acc	111.27	118.20	- 0.40	2.43
Tokyo	129.11	137.71	+ 2.67	..
-do- Accum	130.41	139.10	+ 2.69	..
UK Enterprise	365.85	381.41	- 2.95	2.16
-do- Accum	459.77	490.42	- 3.80	2.16
UK Equity	342.19	365.00	- 2.54	2.33
-do- Accum	697.85	744.39	- 5.16	2.33
US Smlr Cos	252.08	268.88†	- 2.49	..
-do- Accum	252.08	268.88†	- 2.49	..
Institutional Funds				
European	337.97	359.62	- 1.98	1.88
-do- Accum	383.56	397.93	- 2.24	1.88
Euro Smlr Cos	40.50	42.18†	- 0.13	0.94
-do- Accum	43.98	45.78†	- 0.14	0.94
Global Equity Inc	102.38	108.58†	+ 0.37	0.92
Japan Smlr Cos	31.64	32.65	+ 0.58	0.11
-do- Accum	31.85	32.87	+ 0.58	0.11
Mngd Balanced	242.49	252.59	- 0.25	2.04
-do- Accum	289.94	302.02	- 0.30	2.04
Overseas Equity	241.66	252.02	+ 0.82	0.42
-do- Accum	264.42	280.02	+ 0.97	0.42
Oseas Smlr Cos	142.75	148.69	+ 0.31	0.81
-do- Accum	151.58	157.89	+ 0.32	0.81
Pacific	285.04	298.81†	+ 2.43	1.48
-do- Accum	319.32	332.61†	+ 2.71	1.48
Recovery	225.28	238.26	- 0.59	3.08
-do- Accum	238.07	251.24	- 0.62	3.08
UK Index	208.55	218.28†	- 1.79	3.13
-do- Accum	275.76	287.25†	- 2.34	3.13
UK Small Cos	154.05	160.46	- 0.61	2.45
-do- Accum	172.48	179.62	- 0.69	2.45
US Smlr Cos	68.40	72.28	- 0.70	0.55
-do- Accum	71.41	73.89	- 0.73	0.55
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2280				
Equity Income	66.01	75.68	- 0.87	2.41
Equity Trust	66.10	69.37	- 0.46	2.53
Equity Strategy	98.87	104.24	- 0.58	1.09
European Opps	122.32	128.36	- 0.93	0.10
UK Smaller Cos	87.91	93.97	- 0.05	1.09
Maxincome Inc	98.53	102.12	+ 0.01	6.18
Japanese	69.80	72.01	+ 0.69	..
Asia Pacific	120.79	127.87	+ 0.65	0.50
American	156.16	165.14		0.07
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.22	34.22†	..	5.71
UK Eq Gwth Inc	70.26	74.98†	- 0.59	3.00
-do- Accum	95.34	100.67†	- 0.82	3.00
Intl Income	325.23	346.10†	- 0.95	1.42
-do- Accum	577.87	614.24†	- 1.60	1.42
European	119.85	127.37†	- 0.58	1.35
Japan	59.29	62.82†	+ 0.98	0.19
American	114.11	120.59†	+ 0.07	1.17
Far East Tst	86.60	92.47	+ 0.38	1.28
Ethical Inc	44.16	47.23†	- 0.16	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	45.33	48.45	- 0.45	3.38
UK Equity Inc	47.45	49.59†	- 0.42	4.17
UK Gilt Inc	33.30	35.85	- 0.32	1.86
Wwide Tech	98.04	98.05†	- 0.14	1.01
Europe Tactical	82.65	87.88	- 0.58	0.98
Technology	165.75	176.37†	- 0.21	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	556.50	593.10	- 5.20	2.75
American	387.70	410.90	- 0.48	0.23
Pacific	402.90	428.90	+ 3.40	0.25
European	766.50	819.80	- 4.10	0.87
Worldwide	109.89	116.50	..	0.32
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	373.80	397.70	- 2.80	2.07
-do- Accum	495.50	527.20	- 3.80	2.07
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	355.00	374.50	- 0.30	1.34
-do- Accum	377.60	401.20	- 0.40	1.34
Select Opprtny Inc	98.30	103.20	- 0.85	1.85
Income Plus Inc	94.94	101.00	- 0.84	2.85
European Inc	508.90	540.90	- 2.80	0.80
-do- Accum	586.52	623.40	- 2.40	0.80
Far Eastern Inc	178.70	190.20	+ 1.90	1.09
-do- Accum	207.90	221.20	+ 2.30	1.09
Japanese Inc	57.42	61.09	+ 0.81	
Nth American Inc	372.60	395.80	- 0.50	0.38
-do- Accum	412.80	438.40	- 0.60	0.33
Intl Growth Inc	248.90	264.80	+ 0.90	0.01
Wwide Venture Inc	104.90	111.70	+ 0.10	0.60
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	498.70	530.80	- 4.80	2.27
-do- Accum	775.60	819.40	- 6.20	2.27
UK High Inc	244.30	258.10	- 1.90	2.36

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	382.50	404.10	- 3.60	2.36
Europe Inc	554.70	586.10	- 2.50	0.45
Nth Amer Inc	354.40	374.40	+ 0.70	
Global Inc	279.10	294.80	+ 0.10	0.36
Global Acc	302.60	319.00		0.36
UK Spec Sits Inc	150.10	158.50	- 0.90	1.74
South East Asia	208.50	220.30	+ 0.80	0.38
Cash Tst Inc	102.00	102.00		5.58
UK Smlr Cos Inc	130.30	137.60	- 0.60	1.77
-do- Accum	137.90	145.70	- 0.60	1.77
Intl Bond Inc	89.89	94.91	- 0.30	4.79
International Sted	87.31	92.46	- 0.28	..
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	184.20	193.80	- 1.30	0.26
Nth American	154.20	162.30	- 0.50	
Intl Bond & Curr	129.70	136.50†	- 0.27	6.42
Pooled Pension (E)	281.90	281.90†	- 1.80	1.93
Smaller Cos	126.80	133.50†	- 0.50	0.82
UK General #	187.20	197.00†	- 1.90	2.16
Far Eastern	89.08	93.78	+ 0.45	0.06
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	102.69	108.20	- 0.80	0.00
Global Gwth	86.51	91.67	- 0.11	1.11
Inv Tst Port	62.12	66.08	- 0.02	2.32
Managed	114.74	115.46		1.50
Pref Inc #	109.90	110.90†	- 0.50	5.80
Smaller Cos	298.60	317.60	- 1.80	0.76
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.62		- 0.70	4.58
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.74		+ 0.01	5.26
Corporate Inc ‡	102.24		- 0.45	5.25
Tai Pan ‡	114.65		+ 0.83	..
Aztec ‡	79.34		- 0.12	..
Amer Sm Fund ‡	145.45		- 0.31	..
European ‡	183.31		- 0.40	
Global Bond ‡	88.05		- 0.29	7.04
Samurai ‡	55.37		+ 0.70	
UK Growth ‡	118.10		- 1.50	2.82
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	105.67		- 0.65	3.02
Investment Trust ‡	120.38		- 0.28	2.24
The Football Fd ‡	92.81		- 0.45	..
Reserve Roll-Up ‡	98.34			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	444.10	469.90	- 7.10	
Capital	180.60	190.90	- 1.20	1.30
Cash	100.79	100.79	+ 0.03	5.65
European	185.10	195.70†	- 1.50	0.36
Far Eastern	163.20	172.80	- 0.80	...
Growth	187.70	198.80	- 1.10	1.18
Income #	151.70	160.50	- 1.20	4.65
Managed	169.50	179.30	- 1.20	1.42
Smlr Secs	635.80	672.70†	- 1.20	0.14
Thoroughbred	197.30	208.70†	- 1.50	1.34
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Capital Reliance	59.85	63.97	- 0.16	7.00
Ethical	90.18	95.42	- 0.23	0.03
European Growth	92.14	97.70	- 0.56	
Income	67.88	72.38	- 0.07	3.19
Intl Growth	118.70	125.80†	+ 0.10	0.08
Managed	102.40	108.50	- 0.40	0.24
UK Growth	86.62	92.84	- 0.11	1.27
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.26	51.50	- 0.30	1.18
Global Advtg Acc	56.01	58.30	- 0.30	1.18
Incmst Advtg Inc	41.04	41.25	- 0.30	3.39
Incmst Advtg Acc	48.52	48.77	- 0.40	3.39
UK Equity Gth Acc	114.70	121.80	- 0.60	1.44
Frontier Inc Inc	51.72	52.78	- 0.10	7.09
Frontier Inc Acc	57.02	58.17	- 0.20	7.09
Managed Acc	70.57	74.81	- 0.38	1.34
UK Eq Inc Inc	46.62	49.42†	- 0.40	4.30
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	63.16	66.86	- 0.50	4.30
UK Smll Cos Acc	51.08	54.15	- 0.20	0.37
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	91.08	96.78	- 0.90	1.61
UK Equity Gen Inc	64.72	68.77	- 0.60	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.83	34.72†	- 0.10	6.44
Ocean Uni Co Acc	382.90	425.40	- 0.90	1.74
Nth American Acc	85.84	90.43		0.01
Pacific Basin	44.20	47.50	+ 0.20	0.52
European Acc	66.67	70.75	- 0.60	0.18
Japan Acc	25.86	27.27		1.07
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	5.002	5.313†		1.75
US Euro (US$)	4.080	4.325		0.88
Far East Euro (yen)	271.20	288.00	...	..
FT Europe	178.60	189.70	...	1.06
FT N Amer (US$)	3.053	3.234	...	
FT Japan (yen)	196.20	207.20	...	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	3.056	3.246	...	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	528.20	560.20		
British #	1410.90	1492.70	- 7.40	2.52
Emerging Mkts	189.80	202.10	- 0.50	0.42
Euro Small Co	66.17	70.47	+ 0.19	0.23
Japan	120.80	127.90	+ 2.50	..
New Pacific	445.90	475.50	- 0.10	1.10
-do- Accum	479.80	511.60	- 0.10	1.10
Inv Trust Acc	322.80	342.30	- 0.10	1.13
Mngd Equity	221.80	233.80	- 0.70	1.88
Mngd Cash	95.86	95.86	+ 0.01	5.55
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 680 300				
Equity	1219.00	1303.00	- 13.00	1.68
North America	207.10	221.10	- 0.30	..
Far East	162.10	173.90	+ 1.30	..
Wwide Bond	55.86	59.28†	- 0.12	5.62
European	169.80	181.70	- 0.80	0.18
Equity Income #	128.90	138.70	- 1.40	4.26
Portfolio	124.88	133.48†	- 0.50	1.15
UK Hedging Dev	93.09	99.28	- 0.81	2.07
High Inc Bond	59.96	51.04†	- 0.08	6.24
Broker Funds				
Intl Equity	82.51	88.25	+ 0.05	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 726				
Amanac UT	23.81	25.34		0.47
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	101.24	102.71		6.76
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	108.86	115.84		6.76
European	60.15	63.89		0.59
High Income	39.50	42.03†		3.41
Japan	33.86	36.03		0.81
Managed Assets	159.26	170.37		2.32
North American	52.64	58.00		0.32
Smlr Co's Inc	38.10	40.54†		1.98
Smlr Co's Acc	42.21	44.91		1.98
UK Growth Inc	74.21	78.95		1.99
UK Growth Acc	84.77	90.19		1.99
UK Income	52.08	55.72		2.76
Worldwide Res	45.84	48.94	..	0.15
SLC Pension Funds				
Ethical & Dmstc Ex	52.28	55.28†		1.43
European Exempt	117.04	120.67		1.17
Japan Exempt	29.24	30.15	..	0.01
US Exempt	107.72	111.05†		1.19
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Diversified	61.52	65.65	- 0.19	
Ctry Spclst Port Acc	55.80	59.63†	- 0.23	2.81
UK Blu Chip Inc	70.09	74.56	+ 0.57	3.23
[illegible]	29.95	33.09†	- 0.16	6.76
Mngd High Yld Inc	101.30	107.77†	- 0.79	4.45
Mngd Inc Pfo Inc	98.79	105.10†	- 0.58	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	44.05	46.86	- 0.08	1.70
Pacific Grp Port	52.11	55.44	+ 0.32	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 345 794				
American	336.90	356.51	- 0.81	..
-do- Accum	371.08	392.68	- 0.89	..
Brit Growth	137.49	145.50	- 1.03	1.47
-do- Accum	173.23	183.31	- 1.30	1.47
European	147.07	155.63	- 0.80	0.01
-do- Accum	157.08	166.23	- 0.85	0.01
Extra Income #	236.72	250.50	- 1.50	4.35
-do- Accum #	442.37	468.05	- 2.81	4.35
Smaller Cos	97.87	103.56	- 0.28	0.69
-do- Accum	112.48	119.03	- 0.31	0.69
General	402.71	426.15	- 2.80	1.69
-do- Accum	868.01	918.52	- 6.05	1.69
Premier Income	53.04	55.25†	- 0.15	6.18
-do- Accum	137.56	143.29†	- 0.39	6.18
Income #	432.37	457.53	- 3.44	3.34
-do- Accum #	210.15	230.75	- 0.08	3.34
Pacific	392.69	415.53	+ 3.17	0.59
-do- Accum	412.61	436.62	+ 3.33	0.58
International	683.86	723.68†	- 1.97	0.08
-do- Accum	903.70	956.29†	- 2.60	0.08
Nat Resources	171.73	181.73†	- 0.39	0.50
Skld Opps	143.83	152.21	- 1.00	0.97
-do- Accum	180.32	201.48	- 1.34	0.97
Environmental Inc	94.67	100.18	+ 1.08	0.74
Selector	82.81	87.63†	- 0.48	1.35
-do- Accum	97.27	102.93†	- 0.57	1.35
High Income #	78.17	82.72	- 0.46	4.26
-do- Accum #	108.47	114.78	- 0.63	4.26
Gilt Income	62.81	66.47	- 0.39	4.61
-do- Accum	85.35	90.32	- 0.49	4.61
Selector Income	72.18	76.38†	- 0.43	4.09
-do- Accum	93.38	98.82†	- 0.55	4.09
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 7018				
British	408.48	403.14	- 3.78	2.24
European	88.77	82.95†	- 0.60	1.33
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glbl Growth Inc	268.99	276.14	- 0.23	2.35
Glob Balncd Inc	211.75	224.08†	- 0.31	3.46
Value Tst Inc	163.29	172.79	- 0.12	2.27
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0083				
Capital	96.56	102.70	- 0.90	0.51
International	74.96	79.77		...
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.20	41.80	- 0.14	6.30
European Growth	392.20	418.68	- 1.92	0.50
Exempt	756.52	782.55†	- 6.62	2.90
Global Em Mkts	91.05	95.34†	+ 0.06	0.50
Japan Tst	78.09	81.76†	+ 1.04	
Little Dragons	118.18	123.75†	+ 3.12	..
Nth Amer Gwth	344.77	360.38	+ 0.07	0.50
Oriental Income #	49.31	51.63	+ 0.28	3.60
Preference	137.00	143.45†	- 0.07	8.30
Tiger	294.46	308.33†	+ 1.58	..
UK Blue Chip	91.98	96.07	- 0.94	1.80
UK Growth	757.85	793.58	- 6.31	0.80
UK High Yield #	131.61	137.78†	- 1.01	5.00
UK Mid-Cap	357.25	374.06†	- 0.47	1.80
UK Smlr Cos	148.06	155.02	- 0.83	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	99.46	104.17	- 0.20	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 396				
UK Equity Income #	129.92	138.21	- 0.77	4.52
UK Equity Growth	116.97	124.44	- 0.82	2.56
European	88.25	93.88	- 0.40	1.17
Nth American	95.72	101.83	- 0.16	0.11
Far Eastern	81.31	86.50†	+ 0.92	0.05
Money	73.45	73.45	+ 0.01	4.72
Fixed Interest #	84.62	90.02	- 0.12	7.61
Index Linked Gilt	74.85	79.73	+ 0.01	1.20
VIRGIN DIRECT PEP LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	107.38	107.10†	+ 0.02	6.39
Pens Growth	114.13	114.13		...
Pens Inc Protct	105.79	105.79		
UK Index Tracking @	148.14	148.14	- 1.06	2.50
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	25.43	26.77	+ 0.08	..
Pacific Basin	42.65	45.21†	- 0.02	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.9287	0.9859	+ 0.0019	
Penny Share	47.38	49.87	- 0.19	..
Japan Smlr Cos	38.09	40.00†	+ 0.62	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 3444				
Challenger	90.92	93.87	+ 0.14	1.80
Short Dtd Gilt	127.20	128.50†	..	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7882	0.8065		
Gilt Income	52.17	52.98	- 0.04	6.10
Gilt Growth	81.15	82.40	- 0.08	.
Sterling Bond	49.84	50.68†	- 0.04	6.50
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	52.18	55.02	- 0.18	1.79
UK Stockmarket	115.80	123.20	- 1.00	2.36
Corporate Bd Inc	49.88	49.98	- 0.04	6.13
Do Accum	52.80	52.91	- 0.03	6.13

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.

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Equities lose further ground

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq†	452½	+ 8½	6.5	13.6
828	527½	Bulmer (HP)	528½	− 8½	3.2	18.7
75½	55	Burn Stewart†	58½	− ½	7.5	14.1
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	945	...	1.6	25.7
613	425½	Grand Met	557	− 3	3.7	17.7
615	424	Guinness†	557½	− 2½	3.8	16.9
390	321½	Highland Distl	328½	− 1½	3.2	15.4
336	257	Matthew Clark	263½	− 2	11.4	12.6
109½	72½	Merydew W	72½		7.8	9.8
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1762½	− 8½	2.2	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
285	192	Brit Biotech	260	− 7½		
1115	665	Cantab Pharma	965	− 12½		
673	470	Celltech	630	+ 7½		
443½	293½	Chiroscience	293½	− 2		
293½	177½	Cortecs	222½	+ 11		
1297½	885½	Glaxo Wellc	1231½	− 23	3.4	25.4
245	178½	ML Laboratories	178½	− 1		46.7
330½	252	Medeva†	285½	− 2½	2.7	
403	228½	Peptide Thera	362½			
92	24½	Proteus Intl	52½			
757½	362½	Scotia	402½	− 15		
246	216	Shire Pharms	231½			
86½	64½	SkyePharma	84½	+ 3		
1106	788½	SmithKline†	1040½	+ 21	2.0	26.1
392	299½	Therp Antl Inc	365			
707½	512½	Vanguard	605			
436	210	Xenova	300	− 10		
3000	1585½	Zeneca	1901½	− 25	2.2	26.5

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
100	100	Treas 7% 1997	100		6.99	6.26
101	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.70	6.25
103	103	Exch 15% 1997	103	−	14.47	6.27
103	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	102		9.54	6.41
101	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.21	6.55
110	107	Treas 14% 1998-01	107	−	13.07	6.60
114	111	Treas 15½% 1998	111	−	13.94	6.70
109	107	Exch 12% 1998	107		11.17	6.74
105	104	Treas 9½% 1999	104	−	9.12	6.75
111	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	109		11.21	6.82
108	106	Treas 10½% 1999	106	−	9.84	6.71
99	96	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.09	6.80
110	106	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	−	9.52	6.97
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	105	−	8.55	6.88
104	102	Treas 8% 2000	103	−	7.75	6.92
119	116	Treas 13% 2000	116	−	11.13	6.95
113	108	Treas 10% 2001	109	−	9.11	6.98
101	98	Treas 7% 2001	100	−	7.00	6.95

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
112	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	−	8.73	7.05
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104	−	7.64	7.02
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	114	−	8.73	7.07
115	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114	−	10.03	7.03
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86	−	4.07	5.82
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113	−	8.35	7.06
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	98		6.87	7.02
108	104	Treas 8½% 2005	106		7.88	7.08
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	114	−	8.31	7.09
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	−	9.79	7.09
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	102		7.30	7.09
107	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	104		7.44	7.12
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103		7.76	7.20
123	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	−	9.68	7.09
111	105	Treas 8½% 2007	109	−	7.74	7.12
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	101	−	7.17	7.08
115	109	Treas 9% 2008	114	−	7.88	7.14
107	101	Treas 8% 2009	105	−	7.51	7.16

LONGS (over 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
96	86	Treas 6¼% 2010	91		6.80	7.18
117	108	Conv 9% 2011	116	+	7.76	7.17
118	109	Treas 9% 2012	116	+	7.72	7.18
87	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86	−	6.37	6.94
109	102	Treas 8% 2013	107	+	7.43	7.18
106	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	−	7.38	7.20
109	101	Treas 8% 2015	108	+	7.37	7.15
117	109	Treas 8¾% 2017	116	+	7.52	7.20
111	101	Tr 8% 2021	109	+	7.30	7.15

UNDATED

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
49	43	War Ln 3½%	48	+	7.26	
34	30	Treas 2½%	34	−	7.33	
54	49	Consols 4%	53	+	7.43	

INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
114	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114			2.47
187	184	Treas IL 2½% 2001	187		2.69	3.36
184	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	183	+	2.95	3.44
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	119	+	3.02	3.45
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	193	+	3.17	3.50
176	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	173	+	3.26	3.53
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	179	+	3.31	3.56
150	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	147	+	3.35	3.57
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	157	+	3.40	3.59
154	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	151	+	3.47	3.63
128	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125	+	3.48	3.63
125	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	123	+	3.48	3.62

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	84½	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
210½	170	Cale Inns	177		1.7	13.6
230	153½	County Gdns	229		0.9	21.0
352½	215	Dawson Hldgs	230	...	2.2	17.7
51½	37	Freepages	40½			...
93½	88½	Megalomedia	92½			51.9
65	33½	Memory Corp	40	+ 2½		
580	295	Prism Rail	314			
1365	945	Ramco Egy	1077½	− 2½	0.1	...
789	619½	Southern News	735		3.1	23.8
72½	65½	Southern Vecks	72½		3.3	15.6
510	410	Surrey Fr Invest	505	+ 4	0.6	34.5
60½	33½	Trocadero†	37			

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension † Ex dividend ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue ▼ Ex all § Ex capital distribution * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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Mobile women should stick to navy blue

BRENDA MADDOX

Like the shot of planet Earth from space, the photograph of Tony Blair surrounded by his new legion of women MPs divided the future from the past. From now on, any picture or etching of a male-filled House of Commons will proclaim the long injustice of having both sexes governed by just one.

But oh those bright jackets! Last week I heard the Commonwealth Press Union's Harry Brittain fellows, editors and journalists freshly arrived in this country, ask what some readers of *The Times* have been asking, when they saw the May 14 feature on the clothes of Labour women MPs. Why should what women politicians wear be news? Because women will not have achieved full equality until their clothes stop shouting "Look at me. I'm a member of the fair sex", that's why.

Poor Ann Widdecombe, MP. Having solved the problem of her hair (some kindly friend apparently told her that nothing exposes the roots like a centre parting), she spoils her case against the former Home Secretary Michael Howard by filling the screen in jackets of giant plaid that would make George Melly blush. No, politics is not a fashion contest. It is a matter of leadership and law-making. But how can lawmakers be taken seriously if their clothes speak louder than they do?

Anatomy has presented women with a more difficult dressing problem than it has men, just as it requires them to spend longer behind the closed doors of a loo than any architect of a theatre or a hotel ballroom has ever understood. Women, in any job that requires them to be frequently photographed, have to get the bosomline right — and, lacking the uniform of a necktie, they have to decide about the neckline, too.

The trouble with women MPs is that they are following too closely the lead of women on television. That the tailored jacket neatly covers, without overemphasising, the chest is only half the message. The other part is that if you are there to brighten the screen, you should wear Day-Glo colours. As soon as television came to Parliament, women MPs began to blossom out like TV weather girls in yellow, lilac and cerise. The notable exception was the then-Mrs Thatcher who, apart from the occasional lapse into party-political peacock blue, dressed with such monochrome elegance that (sartorially) she could have passed for European.

An interview I once did with the fashion designer Jean Muir, cured me of apologising for taking women's clothes seriously. Fashion is a moral issue, said the great Muir. To demand respect you have to convey a sense of self-respect. She intoned a great and painful truth: at any formal dinner, "the men look better than the women — usually rather more civilised". She was right and it is a female tragedy. At any grand occasion the women will have expended ten times more time and money on their appearance than have any of the men, yet they look a very ragged bunch as they queue up for those scarce loos: pathetic even, in the glaring disparity between the intention and the achievement.

Muir had a solution which could be well followed by any female MP over 40 and over size 14: "try clothes that fit better and stick to navy blue". This should not require women following men into dull uniformity. But it should encourage them to leave those beads, "interesting" lapel pins and sherbet pastels at home if gravitas is their aim.

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GOOD LUCK to Chris Smith, the new Heritage Secretary, as he tries to find a new name for his department. No country that I know of has found a neat bureaucratic niche for broadcasting, which is an art and an industry. Rumour is that he will append the words "and communications" to "culture", thus avoiding the Orwellian implications of a "ministry of culture" on its own.

Last week saw the end of any pretence that broadcasting can be thought of separately from the rest of radio communication. The Labour Government swiftly and sensibly has decided to introduce legislation prepared by the Conservatives to charge users of the airwaves an economic price for their allocation. "Free as air" is a lie.

The prime target of the legislation will be mobile radio and telephones. It will not affect the BBC or commercial TV. However, broadcasting is part of the total picture. Last June's Department of Trade and Industry White Paper on spectrum management (Cmnd. 32252), the basis of Labour's proposals, pointed out two specific ways.

One is that the main justification for trying to hasten the transition to digital television is in order to clear the section of the spectrum now occupied by television for new business services. The other is that Britain's recent auction of ITV regional television licences showed the danger in spectrum auctions, which are in many respects a desirable way of raising funds for government. That was the sense of unfairness that can arise when, through a system of sealed bids, vastly different prices are paid for similar shares of the spectrum.

If the Radiocommunications Agency which now manages spectrum as part of Trade and Industry were to be combined with some new Culture ministry, perhaps ludicrous and unfair exercises like the last ITV auction can be avoided. In any case, the new ministry looks like having a grittier job than just Heritage. That cannot be bad.

The Client's Story

All the glory, or the blame, goes to the creatives and the agencies when a new advert appears. But what of the person who bought the ad, the person who said yes, the person with nerves of steel, the person who crossed his fingers and signed the cheque?

Rock Concert: a sound mixer in a well ironed black T-shirt shares a pack of Wrigley's Extra with his equally clean-cut but less experienced younger colleague

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THE CLIENT
Philip Hamilton, 55, MD, Wrigley's UK

WHAT OTHER BRANDS HAVE YOU BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR?
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THE AGENCY
Bray Leino (Plymouth)

WAS IT EXPENSIVE?
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WHO IS THE AD AIMED AT?
25 to 45-year-olds.

NOT KIDS?
No. It's aimed at the more mature mint eater. The mint market is up to 45 years old.

SO WHY SHOW A ROCK CONCERT?
It's there for up-to-45 year olds to aspire to. I wouldn't mind being 25 again.

WHY ARE THE SOUND MEN SO NEAT LOOKING?
I don't want to show hairy, unshaven people in my ads. And Mr Wrigley wouldn't either. Our policy is to show clean-cut, healthy looking people.

WHAT'S THE STRATEGY?
To get mint eaters to try Wrigley's Extra.

WHAT SOLD THE SCRIPT TO YOU?
The product benefits are reiterated clearly. We're *not comfortable* with creativity. It's very easy for creativity to interfere with the key message.

HAPPY?
Slight worries about the lack of focus on the take-out at the end. We brought in some dental benefits that weren't in the original script.

WHAT'S THE BEST AD YOU'VE EVER BOUGHT?
"The Last Stick" where a boy and girl share the last stick of Wrigley's Spearmint on a bus in America.

AND THE WORST?
"Onion Breath" for Wrigley's Double Mint. It made people cringe but it increased sales by 45 per cent.

DAVID McGRATH

We're coming to get you

David McGrath on adverts that speak just to you

PREPARE yourself for a big surprise. Imagine the shock, while idly flipping through your favourite magazine, of suddenly finding an advertisement with your name in the headline.

It could suggest that it's time you changed your car for a more up-to-date model (it might even mention the make of the wreck you drive now.) It could say that you look as if you should try a new shampoo. Even worse, it might suggest that it's time you switched deodorants.

A cheek? An impossibility? Not according to Philip Dodson, business development manager of the *Reader's Digest* already notorious for its "Dear Mr (your name goes here), how's the weather in (your address goes here)" personalised letters. According to Mr Dodson, every issue of the magazine may soon be able to run the same advertisement but with different names individually video-jetted into the headline. All it takes is the subscriber's name and inventive technology. "Come October, we'll be ready to offer this service," Mr Dodson says.

In America, advertisers can already have a polybag (the sleeve in which the magazine is delivered) with a personalised message to the individual reader printed on it. This service, which operates in America, also allows advertisers to use their extensive customer data banks to target areas by dealer area for a car distributor, say, or by local branch for banks or supermarkets.

No one can yet say how much a personalised advertisement will cost, but Nick Handley, the *Digest's* UK advertising sales director, estimates that the price of producing personalised polybags will be about £23,000, the same cost as a full-page advertisement in the magazine.

Julian Murray, board account director on Volkswagen at the ad agency BMP DDB, welcomes the idea but warns of the dangers if advertisers get it wrong. "Say you were advertising a fantastic high-speed sports car to someone inappropriate — someone who'd just been involved in a car crash. There's a great risk of offending someone. Direct mail is discreet, if you get it wrong, people just grumble and throw it away, but this is out in the open. It's a bit like the difference between a private conversation and a public one. You'd have to tailor the message. A general message would probably be better."

The intention is to limit the number of personalised advertisements in the *Digest* to three per issue — any more and readers might begin to feel harassed, not to mention paranoid.

"Some people may not like their names being used in an advertisement, even if they are the only ones to see it. Is there any law to protect the reader? As far as legal restrictions are concerned, Mr Handley says: "I'm not aware of a law. This is so new we haven't had a chance to think it through." But, he says: "Response rates increase by at least 50 per cent when people see their own name printed on a catalogue or direct mail communication."

So, given this powerful incentive, will television get in on the act next, with personalised commercials perhaps? Imagine seeing a TV advertisement for, say, Thomas Cook, sympathetically murmuring that you look as if you need a holiday. How could you resist? The adman cometh. And, this time, he's got your name.

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London based Company

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THE LISTENER
THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Myopia with menace

NEVER let it be said that John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, does not relish his ogre image. While being photographed for *Reflections on Success*, a new book by newsreader Martyn Lewis, Lewis suggested that Birt might look better without his huge trademark spectacles.

Birt responded by whipping them off and grinning seductively for the camera — the first time he has been pictured without the glasses in his BBC career. Encouraged, Lewis dared to suggest that Birt should abandon them altogether. "When you wear your glasses you look extremely menacing," he said sweetly. Birt's specs were rammed back on his face faster than you can say "producer choice."

Royal remedy

MISFORTUNE continues to plague the elfin Julia Carling who has only recently bounced back from the strain of her marriage break-up. According to the set of Carlton Television's *Capital Woman*, the immaculate Jules has suffered an outbreak of unsightly boils on her legs.

Carling: seeking a cure

Ms Carling has confided that she is seeking a natural remedy. Staff have so far resisted the temptation to suggest that the person best placed to recommend homeopathic treatment may be, er, Diana, Princess of Wales.

Here Today...

RUMOURS persist that John Humphrys, the *Today* programme stalwart, is thinking of throwing in the towel, or at least scaling down his commitment to the breakfast flagship. At 53, he is believed to want to spend more time on his Welsh farm away from the bleating of politicians.

Humphrys: rural life calls

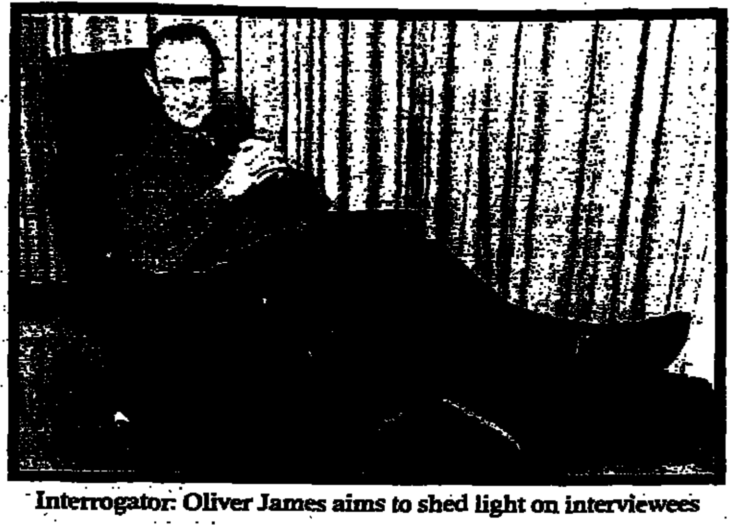
Green means go

IT has always intrigued staff at *Country Life* that their Editor, Clive Aslet, lived in London without a garden. However, Aslet's fingers have turned green watching his magazine's English garden at the Chelsea Flower Show this year. He has decided to evict the tenant from the basement flat of his house in order to gain access to the back yard

Jonathan Dimbleby had a noisy dinner with the team from his Sunday lunchtime show to celebrate the end of the series. Fellow diners at Dell'ugo, in Soho wondered about the significance of the bath towel that Dimble was clutching as he left.

Questionmaster in the hot seat

TV interviews by psychiatrist Oliver James have upset their subjects and angered the competition, says **Carol Midgley**


Interrogator: Oliver James aims to shed light on interviewees

On June 4, viewers of BBC2 will be treated to the unlikely spectacle of Peter Mandelson, calculating iceberg of the Labour Party, breaking down and weeping at the memory of his father.

As his face crumples and the politician's mask dribbles away in a flood of tears, it is interesting to note not only the rare insight into one of the country's most impenetrable public figures, but also the method by which the tears were obtained.

Thirty-nine years ago, another celebrity hard man also broke down on national television in much the same way. Gilbert Harding, the famously rude and irascible broadcaster of *What's My Line?*, shocked the viewing public when he collapsed in tears after being asked about the death of his mother.

The man who had caused Harding to crack was John Freeman, the incisive 1960s interviewer, who managed to entice figures ranging from Evelyn Waugh and Carl Jung to Adam Faith and Tony Hancock into his chair.

From tonight the format of his programme, *Face to Face*, is to be revived again in a new seven-part BBC2 series, *The Chair*, in which we will finally see Mandelson's human side.

Like Freeman, the interviewer — psychologist Oliver James — never shows his face. The camera is focused constantly and at times unforgivingly on the subject (an eclectic bunch including David Icke and Vanessa Feltz), while James puts probing questions. The effect, says James, is to create a direct relationship, a "conversation" between viewer and interviewee.

"The interviews attempt a real analysis," he says. "The interviewee's view of their history is challenged, but without being intrusive or aggressive."

Channel 4 briefly copied the Freeman programme with Jeremy Isaacs's *Face to Face* in the early 1990s, as part of *The Late Show*, and achieved some success — notably a moving interview with the late actor Paul Eddington. *The Chair* follows Freeman's format even more closely. Even before it has hit our screens, however, *The Chair* is already courting controversy.

Mandelson has complained that the BBC is exploiting him, "hyping" up an interview of more than a year old to cash in on his new profile as Minister without Portfolio.

Interrogated: singer Adam Faith is interviewed by John Freeman in the 1960s series *Face to Face*

Anthony Clare, whose acclaimed Radio 4 series *In the Psychiatrist's Chair* has become a national institution since it began in 1981, is unhappy that BBC2 may be riding on the name and reputation of his own programme. Matters were not helped by James writing in *The Sunday Telegraph* that the purpose of his interviews was not to torment or induce confession "which I sometimes feel is Anthony Clare's goal". Clare is understood to be taking legal advice over the remarks.

Clare says it is only because of the familiarity of his programme that James's title *The Chair* made any sense at all. "It would be meaningless without it," he says. "Most people tend to think of a psychiatrist's couch, not a chair. I confess to being a little irritated that I did not even get a courtesy call from the BBC about this. I don't want to say very much about Oliver James. I think, by and large, we shouldn't comment on each other."

James, who in the 1980s hosted a similar interview format with *Room 113*, part of Channel 4's Network 7, claims, that despite extensive news coverage of the Mandelson tears, his aim is not to "dredge up tabloid headlines" from the interviews or make his subjects cry.

"I am trying to understand their childhood experiences," says James. "How their parents treated them, their relationship with their siblings. They are public figures and I am trying to get behind the mask, give them an insight into themselves. Men in positions of power, I suspect, have very little self-insight. They live their inner selves outside themselves through 17-hour days."

Mandelson, he says, was moved to tears by being taken back to the very moment when he discovered his father was dead.

"I asked him where he was when his father died. It is a seminal moment in your life and as soon as the words are in your ear you are taken back to that moment. Despite saying they argued a lot, Mandelson obviously misses his father a great deal."

He added he believed that Clare's questions were more journalistically based than psycho-analytical.

Michael Emberg, independent producer of *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*, who, with Clare, conceived the idea, says the fact that Clare was a psychiatrist was almost incidental. "It so happens he is a psychiatrist but there are no patients or treatments. He is a good interviewer and broadcaster. Possibly the fact that he is, is regarded by some people as a licence to ask more questions than a journalist."

It was "brazen cheek" of James to copy the visual presentation of *Face to Face*, he says, and shares Clare's objection to the name. Guests were not tormented into confessionals and in its 16 years there had never been a complaint.

James believes there is little likelihood of British television following America's example of over-prurient interviewing.

"The whole thing is beautifully regulated by the admirable scepticism that the British have to all things psychological, but I think there will always be an appetite for these kind of interviews if they are done well."

Eric the widely read

PAPER ROUND
Brian MacArthur

Three-thirty on a Sunday afternoon is a critical moment on national newspapers. Most hold their main news conference at 4pm, which is when the major decisions on the day's best stories are decided. News editors are deciding which stories to pitch at the editor as candidates for the front page — and sports editors, with Sunday the most important day of the week, are determining the best subject for the front page of the separate sports section.

At 3.30 last Sunday, the main story for sports editors was still Chelsea's triumph in the FA Cup, even though it had been fully reported in the Sunday papers. The new Snowdon pictures of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the wedding of Sylvester Stallone were also potential splashes for editors of the tabloids, as was Labour's first sleaze scandal for the broadsheets. So the announcement just before 3.40pm that Eric Cantona was retiring from Manchester United could not have come at a worse moment.

With only four hours to go before the first editions of many newspapers went to press, several critical decisions were needed — quickly. Was this a story for the main front page as well as the front of the sports section? Ought any newspaper to lead two sections with the same story? Which story would sell more newspapers — Chelsea or Cantona, Diana or Stallone? Which would most interest the women readers courted so assiduously by editors and who are believed not to be interested in football?

The answers were overwhelmingly for Cantona, with only the *Daily Mail* deciding that neither Cantona nor Chelsea merited a mention on the front page. Cantona was the lead story (with the usual puns) in *The Mirror* (Ooh-Act Cantona) and *Daily Star* (King Eric Quits To Be An Actaah), second lead in *The Times* and *Express* and made the front pages of *The Daily Telegraph*, *Guardian*, *Independent* and *FT*. At *The Sun*, deputy editor Neil Wallis also opted for Cantona but led on Chelsea for the 251,000 copies of the west London edition, a decision vindicated by the Monday sales performance.

For Alex Butler at *The Express*, the decision was easy. "The Cup Final was a Saturday story — and Cantona is the most charismatic figure in English football." He led his section on Cantona and cut five pages from the 11 originally planned for Chelsea. Keith Blackmore at *The Times*, switched his front page from Chelsea: "Cantona changed the face of Premiership football. He is the most famous name in the game, more famous even than Gazza." Piers Morgan, Editor of *The Mirror*, said: "A lot of people don't see the television news on Sundays and women love Cantona as much as the blokes."

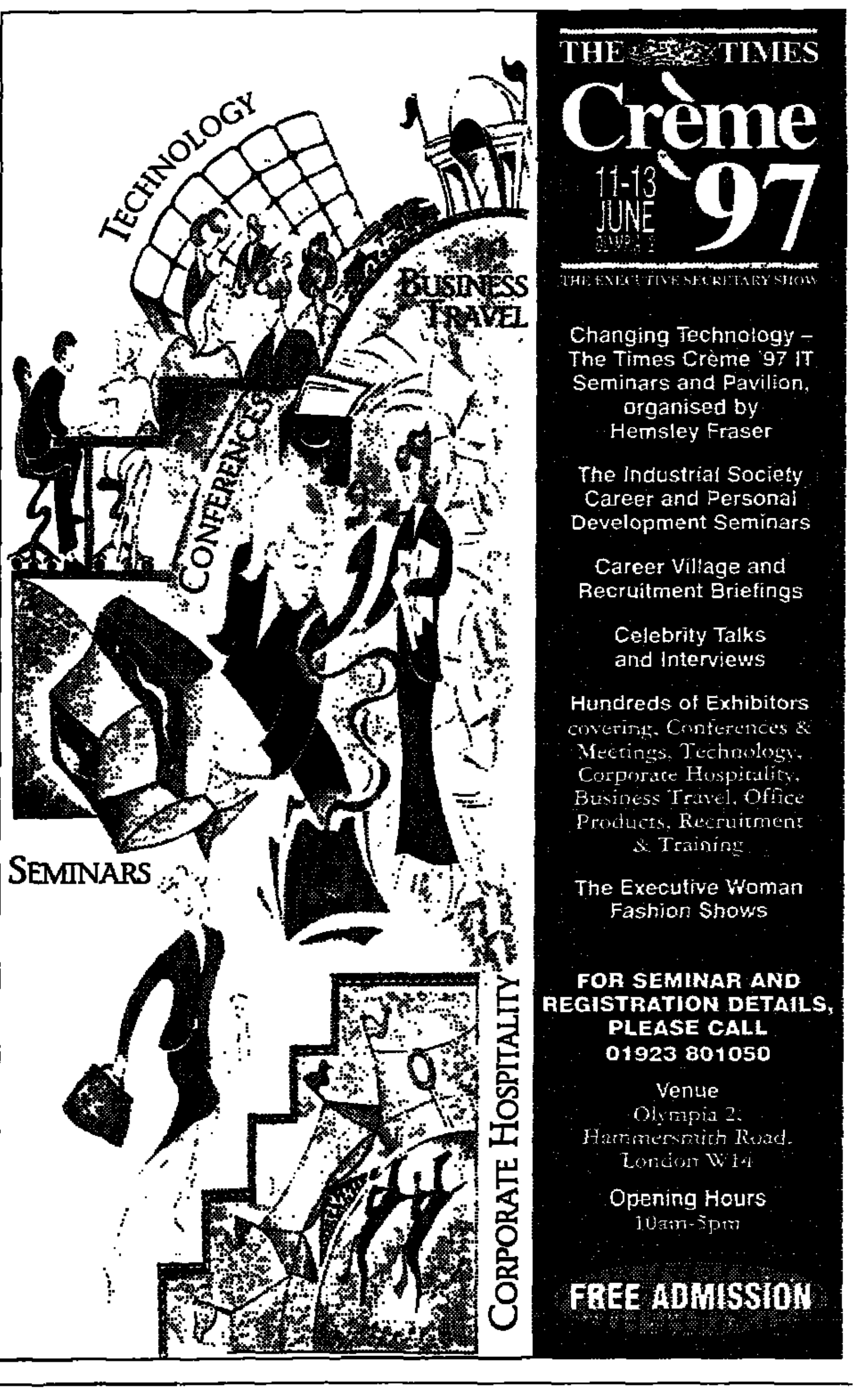
Journalism is at its most thrilling when such big stories are suddenly announced. At *The Express*, sports writer James Lawton filed 1,200 words on the Cup Final for Sunday, another 1,200 for Monday — and just as he finished that was asked for another 1,200 on Cantona. *The Mirror* devoted eight pages to Cantona, ten to Chelsea but gave a full back page to Cantona in Manchester. *The Sun* did 11 pages on Cantona in Manchester but 11 on Chelsea for London.

Such precision targeting of editions to specific regions — Cantona for Manchester, Chelsea for London, Middlesbrough for the north-east — demands quick thinking and skilled editing. It also demonstrates just how important sport has become as one of the major sales-building battlegrounds of modern journalism, especially for the mass-market tabloids. As their editors have responded to the football, rugby and cricket world cups, the 1996 summer of sport, and so much sport on television, all the four main broadsheets also now publish separate sports sections on Mondays — and *The Express* has a pull-out sports section every day.

The significance of sport is confirmed by the first-ever survey of the content of British newspapers by Durrants, the press cuttings agency which reads and cuts nearly 200,000 newspapers and magazines a year. Analysing newspaper coverage in January, February and March, the Durrants Review shows that sport now occupies more space than any other subject, winning one in four of all headlines, compared with 14 per cent devoted to the economy, 10 per cent to politics and 7 per cent to crime.

All the pages devoted to Cantona and Chelsea failed to boost sales on Monday — but that was because they hit their highest point of the season the previous week when the Premiership was settled. Anybody who doubts that sport sells newspapers need only talk to circulation managers, who are suddenly in mourning. They know that sales will now fall until the new football season starts in August.

The Mirror and *The Sun*: precision targeting



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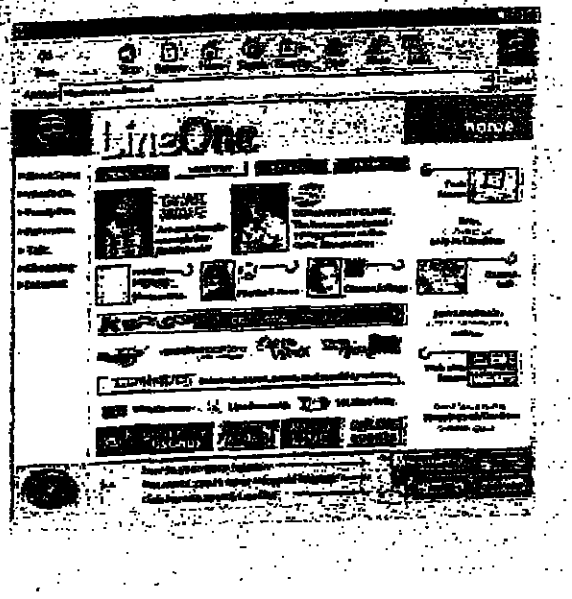

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How applicants can make sense of the rankings

John O'Leary

urges caution when estimating the value of a course on research alone

The rankings on these pages complete the 23 subjects featured in our university guide. They are compiled from official ratings of teaching and research covering all universities in England and Northern Ireland. Those in Scotland and Wales are included wherever possible.

Although the tables cover departments serving the majority of students, subjects large and small remain untouched. Prospective applicants have a number of sources of information they can tap to gauge the standing of the various universities in these areas. For example, many other subjects have been assessed in Scotland and Wales. The lists below show which have been completed.

By the time those hoping for places in 1998 have to complete their applications, more subjects will have been added. In England, the 16 subjects below are in the process of being assessed, and reports are published as the verdict on each department is finalised. Although this round of assessments will continue until next summer, it is worth contacting the funding council's quality assessment division to see which universities' reports have been published.

The Scottish and Welsh funding councils wait until a subject has been completed before publishing reports, but several more will be available before the end of the academic year. In Scotland, these will include medicine, biology, nursing, English and French.

In Scotland and Wales, a more manageable number of departments will enable all subjects to be completed by the end of next year. In England, the process will take until 2001, although the advent of a new quality agency could alter the timetable.

The temptation for those who cannot wait for a teaching assessment is to rely on last December's research rankings, which did cover every subject and which are available in a single report (*1996 Research Assessment Exercise: The Outcome*; £15 from HEFCE, address below). Few deny that outstanding research enriches teaching, but the subjects for which both assessments are complete demonstrate that the link is not infallible. Portsmouth and Westminster were judged to offer the best teaching in French, for example, without registering a sparkling research record.

Research ratings are perhaps a better guide to traditional universities than the former polytechnics, but nowhere are they sufficient on their own to judge the quality of the undergraduate experience. Many lecturers claim that overemphasis on research grades can adversely affect teaching.

In subjects such as engineering, the professional institutes' accreditation should be a better overall guide. Once a formality, these have been made more rigorous by some of the institutes, and absences from the accreditation list can be revealing.

Other objective assessments tend to deal with whole institutions, however. The Higher Education Quality Council, for example, has produced "academic audits" of every university, which ensure that procedures are in place to guarantee acceptable standards

Among the other sources of information are the universities' increasingly glossy prospectuses — often on CD-Rom and computer disk as well as paper — their vice-chancellors' annual reports and the various reports published by the Universities and College Admissions Service.

- *Quality assessments can be ordered from the following:*
- *Higher Education Funding Council for England, Northavon House, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QD. Tel: 0117-931 7493. (Also for reports on the two universities in Northern Ireland).*
- *Scottish Higher Education Funding Council, Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. Tel: 0131-313 6500.*
- *Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Lambourne House, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff CF4 5GL. Tel: 01222-761861.*

OTHER SUBJECTS COMPLETED IN SCOTLAND Electrical and electronic engineering; economics; civil engineering; physics; mathematics and statistics; building and surveying; hospitality studies; consumer studies; teacher education; fine art; design; finance and accounting; politics; history of art; philosophy; theology; mass communications; medicine; dentistry; veterinary medicine.

SUBJECTS UNDER ASSESSMENT IN ENGLAND Agriculture and forestry; American studies; building; civil engineering; communications and media; drama and dance; East and South Asian studies; electrical and electronic engineering; food science; general engineering; history of art; land management; materials; mechanical engineering; Middle Eastern and African studies; town planning.

OTHER SUBJECTS COMPLETED IN WALES: Agriculture; archaeology; history of art; biosciences; building; humanities; drama; media studies; mathematics and statistics; modern languages; theology; physics; politics; psychology; Welsh.

GLENN EDWARDS

Assessments of subjects in Wales are more extensive than in England and include psychology at Cardiff, where teaching was "excellent"

GEOLOGY

THE three departments at the top of the geology table were all judged to have excellent teaching and some research areas that were of international quality.

Oxford and Cambridge, also among the 18 geology departments graded excellent for undergraduate teaching by the English funding council, share fourth place. They scored the joint highest ratings for research, both gaining a 5*, but did not enter as many departmental staff for assessment as the top three universities.

Manchester's good showing in the Research Assessment Exercise — a grade 4 showing national excellence — helped it enter the top 20 at sixth place. One former polytechnic, Kingston, also enters the top 20 this year at joint 16th place.

Leeds has a large geology department and won particular praise for its rapid development of new teaching and assessment methods. Its graduates were said to be held in high esteem by employers.

In Scotland, geology is taught at four universities, with Edinburgh and Glasgow rated excellent for its undergraduate programme and Aberdeen and St Andrews highly satisfactory.

In Wales, geology teaching was rated excellent at Aberystwyth and satisfactory at Cardiff.

1=	Edinburgh, Leeds, Newcastle
4=	Cambridge, Oxford
6	Manchester
7	Liverpool
8=	Durham, UCL, Royal Holloway, Reading
12=	Glasgow, Southampton
14	Imperial
15	Bristol
16=	Birmingham, Kingston
18	Queen's (Belfast)
19=	Cardiff, Leicester

(Total Institutions: 31)

GERMAN

AT Nottingham the German department's combination of top marks for research and a high score for undergraduate studies ensured it reached first place in a competitive field.

Three universities received higher points from the English funding council for undergraduate teaching than Nottingham: UCL and Warwick were judged slightly better and Exeter was given the rare accolade of top marks in all six areas of provision, from curriculum design to student support and learning resources.

However, these three were each graded 4 for research, allowing the University of Wales, Swansea, with a 5 grade for research and an excellent rating for its teaching, to claim second place.

King's College London and the Institute of Germanic Studies also collected 5* research grades. Oxford and Cambridge, both with a 5* research score, opted to have their German departments assessed for teaching on modern languages as a whole, and so do not feature in this table.

Assessors from the English funding council said German teaching was distinguished by its variety. One in five departments were said to be making consistent use of information technology to deliver the curriculum. Teaching in German was usual in one in five departments.

1	Nottingham
2	Swansea
3=	UCL, Warwick
5	Exeter
6	King's
7	Manchester
8	Leicester
9	Birmingham
10	Durham
11	Leeds
12	Lancaster
13=	Reading, Sheffield
15	Bristol
16	Hull
17	Liverpool
18	Royal Holloway
19	Aston
20	Keele

(Total Institutions: 27)

HISTORY

CAMBRIDGE is joined at the top of this year's table by three other universities with maximum scores in both teaching and research for history.

Birmingham, Durham, London School of Economics and Sheffield are not far behind, having been judged as excellent in teaching and meriting a 5 grade for research, denoting work of national and some international excellence. Oxford, which gained a 5* for research, slips from equal first to ninth only because it entered a smaller proportion of staff for the assessment.

Traditional universities dominate the upper reaches of the table because of their research strength but excellent teaching was recorded at one higher education college: Canterbury Christ Church.

The English funding council found excellent teaching at 18 of the 89 departments it visited and concluded standards across the board had been maintained despite the expansion of higher education which had seen many history departments double in size. Demand from students is still bouyant, ensuring a generally high calibre of entrant, who would need up to 28 A-level points for a place at a leading department.

Employment rates for history graduates remain healthy, with between 10 and 40 per cent going on to further study.

1=	Cambridge, King's, UCL, Warwick
5=	Birmingham, LSE, Durham, Sheffield
9	Oxford
10=	Lancaster, Liverpool
12=	Hull, St Andrews, Royal Holloway,
15=	Edinburgh, York, Swansea, Leicester, Queen's (Belfast),
20	Stirling

(Total Institutions: 68)

VISUAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Edinburgh was rated first in geology, 15th in history

IBERIAN LANGUAGES

KING'S College London claims top position due to its consistently high performance in the two areas of Spanish and Spanish-American studies, and Portuguese and Brazilian studies.

Its teaching grades in these areas were only bettered by the top marks awarded at undergraduate level to Hull, which added a grade 4 in research to secure second place. Grades of 5 for research were awarded to Aberdeen, Birmingham, King's, Liverpool, Nottingham, Oxford, and Queen Mary and Westfield College in London.

Assessors from the English funding council found that the provision of most Iberian languages and studies was of high quality.

Students were strongly supported on their courses and generally were said to have a good rapport with staff. Nearly all of the institutions operated a modular course which was usually found to be well-structured.

Hull's top grades for teaching reflected "exceptionally high quality", say the assessors, who noted in particular the impressive progress of students from non-traditional backgrounds.

Levels of support for students on their year abroad varied tremendously, from universities which kept in touch regularly by fax to those which were barely in contact for the whole year.

1	King's
2	Hull
3	Birmingham
4	Liverpool
5	Bristol
6=	Queen's (Belfast), Sheffield
8	Leeds
9=	Exeter, Manchester
11	UCL
12	Nottingham
13	Westminster
14=	Lancaster, Wolverhampton
16	Durham
17=	Portsmouth, Sunderland, Ulster

(Total Institutions: 19)

ITALIAN

OF THE undergraduates studying Italian three-quarters are female, and most are well qualified, even if they have limited knowledge of the language when they start their degrees. The result is a small but successful subject area spanning the new and old universities.

Most entrants had between 18 points (the equivalent of three Cs) and 25 points (two As and a B) at A level. Although relatively few students are awarded first-class honours, the majority manage an upper-second.

All departments offer *ab initio* teaching, although some schools and colleges do offer Italian at A level. Universities teaching Italian as a single subject tended to offer better learning resources and student support than those where it is part of a wider modern languages package, but standards of teaching and learning were no better.

Cambridge, Leeds and University College London all achieved 5* ratings for research, with Oxford, Reading and Royal Holloway in the next group of departments. Of those assessed as a single subject, Exeter and Hull achieved the best marks for teaching quality.

Hull, where 90 per cent of students are beginners when they enrol, was complimented for its use of technology in its new Language Institute.

1	Cambridge
2=	Royal Holloway, UCL
4=	Birmingham, Exeter
6	Oxford
7=	Bristol, Hull, Lancaster
10	Swansea
11	Leeds
12	Leicester
13=	Manchester, Warwick
15	Sussex
16	Westminster
17=	Durham, Portsmouth

(Total Institutions: 18)

LINGUISTICS

THAMES Valley University does not often find itself bracketed with Cambridge. But its success in last December's research rankings, where it was one of the few new universities to have a department awarded a grade 5, places it at the top of the linguistics table.

Lancaster University and Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, achieved the best score for teaching, dropping only one point out of 24. But their lower research grades allowed them to be overtaken.

Assessors found that the subject is acquiring growing importance in the modular degree programmes which have become popular at British universities. Although they found some inconsistency in the presentation of aims and objectives, the curriculum was generally well designed and teaching standards were high.

About 5,800 undergraduates take linguistics, with another 700 on postgraduate programmes, but fewer than 100 are registered for a single-honours degree in the subject. Almost all are on full-time courses, many coming from overseas.

Oxford, Manchester, University College London and the School of Oriental & African Studies matched the research grade achieved by Cambridge and Thames Valley. However, none of the four put such a high proportion of academics forward for assessment.

1=	Cambridge, Thames Valley
3=	Lancaster, Queen Mary
5	SOAS
6	UCL
7=	Durham, Sussex, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford
12=	Essex, Sheffield
14	York
15	Reading
16	Hertfordshire
17	East Anglia
18	Luton
19	Central Lancashire
20	Westminster

(Total Institutions: 25)

LAW

THE four universities heading the fiercely competitive law table owe their position to full and successful departmental participation in the assessment of research.

Cambridge, which came first last year, and Oxford, which was second, both secured the very highest research ratings but neither entered their full complement of law academics.

In contrast, the London School of Economics, King's College, University College London and Manchester were all assessed on the work of at least 95 per cent of the department.

Leicester and Warwick received the grading of 4 for research, signifying national excellence in virtually all the work.

Although the table is dominated by traditional universities, the new universities of Oxford Brookes, Northumbria, and the West of England were all given the grade of excellent by the English funding council for their undergraduate teaching.

The English funding council reported that most teaching in law was of good quality and the drop-out rate of students was relatively low. More than half of all law students are awarded at least an upper second class degree, although the rate of first class awards is said to be low considering their entrance qualifications. Roughly seven out of ten undergraduates go on to take professional examinations.

1=	LSE, King's, UCL, Manchester
5=	Cambridge, Oxford
7=	Leicester, Warwick
9=	Nottingham, Sheffield
11=	Bristol, Durham, Liverpool, SOAS
15	Sussex
16=	Edinburgh, Strathclyde
18=	East Anglia, Queen's (Belfast)
20	Aberdeen

(Total Institutions: 64)

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SHEFFIELD, last year's best mechanical engineering department, shares top honours with the University of Wales at Cardiff this year.

Both received the grade of excellent for teaching and were judged to have equal levels of international standard research in the Research Assessment Exercise.

Bath's third position reflects its excellent teaching combined with a 5* grade for research which was achieved with less than the full complement of departmental staff.

A 5* performance for research was also recorded by Imperial College, King's College London, Leeds and The Queen's University in Belfast. Mechanical, aeronautical and manufacturing engineering were assessed in the same category to arrive at the research grades.

The English funding council awarded excellent grades to nine universities for teaching. Assessors found mechanical engineering graduates had little trouble finding jobs or gaining accreditation with professional bodies after completing their courses. However, rising student numbers in the 1990s left about 40 per cent of institutions lacking the money to ensure undergraduates all had access to up-to-date equipment. High non-completion rates also caused concern in six out of ten institutions.

1=	Cardiff, Sheffield
3	Bath
4	Nottingham
5	Bristol
6	Cranfield
7=	Leeds, Manchester, Strathclyde
10	Reading
11	UMIST
12=	Queen's (Belfast), Imperial
14=	UCL, Southampton
16=	Coventry, Glasgow, Manchester Metro
19=	Greenwich, Hull, Loughborough

(Total Institutions: 46)

MUSIC

MUSIC was one of the subjects in which academics were most critical of the use of A-level grades as an indicator of excellence. The new ranking, which is based only on funding council assessments, shows significant changes, partly as a result.

Two London University colleges — King's and the School of Oriental & African Studies — top the table after adding 5* research ratings to excellent teaching reports. A clutch of high grades in both assessments sees six universities tie for next place.

Teaching assessments in England and Scotland produced an unusually high proportion of excellent ratings. They included famous non-university names — the Royal College, the Royal Academy, the Royal Northern College and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Both universities in Northern Ireland were rated excellent for teaching, as was the University College of North Wales, Bangor. However, only Queen's Belfast and Edinburgh broke into the top ten from outside England.

The research ranking, too, was dotted with top scores, although several 5* departments put in a relatively low *proportion of academics for* assessment. There is a marked improvement on 1992 ratings, *when only* Oxford, Cambridge and Nottingham reached the top mark.

1=	Kings, SOAS
3=	Birmingham, York, Cambridge, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leeds
9=	Keele, Lancaster
11=	Queen's (Belfast), Southampton
13	Manchester
14	Surrey
15=	City, Goldsmiths'
17=	Huddersfield, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Sussex

(Total Institutions: 39)

Continental career booster

Simon Midgley

on the growing opportunities for undergraduates to study abroad

There was a time when the only undergraduates who had the chance to study abroad were language students, but now it is possible to study on the Continent in virtually every subject from veterinary science to music.

The European Commission promotes several programmes designed to prepare young people for a working life within the community's member states. The idea is to give students an opportunity to live and study in another member state to *enhance the quality of their* academic and intellectual experience.

The largest scheme is the Socrates-Erasmus (European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students) programme which provides opportunities throughout the European Community and in the European Economic Area countries of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. From 1998/99, some of the European Community's partner states in Eastern Europe will also be involved.

The programme covers student and teacher exchanges, language courses *and intensive short* programmes. In the next academic year the scheme will take around 12,000 *British students abroad for periods* ranging from three months to a year.

More than 200 British institutions are involved in Socrates-Erasmus, twinning with 1,500 on the Continent. Altogether, some 160,000 students are involved in exchanges. The home and the host university guarantee academic recognition for the study period abroad, and small EC top-up grants are available for most students on the Erasmus programme ranging from 300 ecu (£211) to up to 800 ecu (£563).

The language skills required for an exchange vary. If you are hoping *to study English and French Law,* for example, you will be asked for a good A Level in French, simply *because you will need to be at home* with the language in order to cope with the course.

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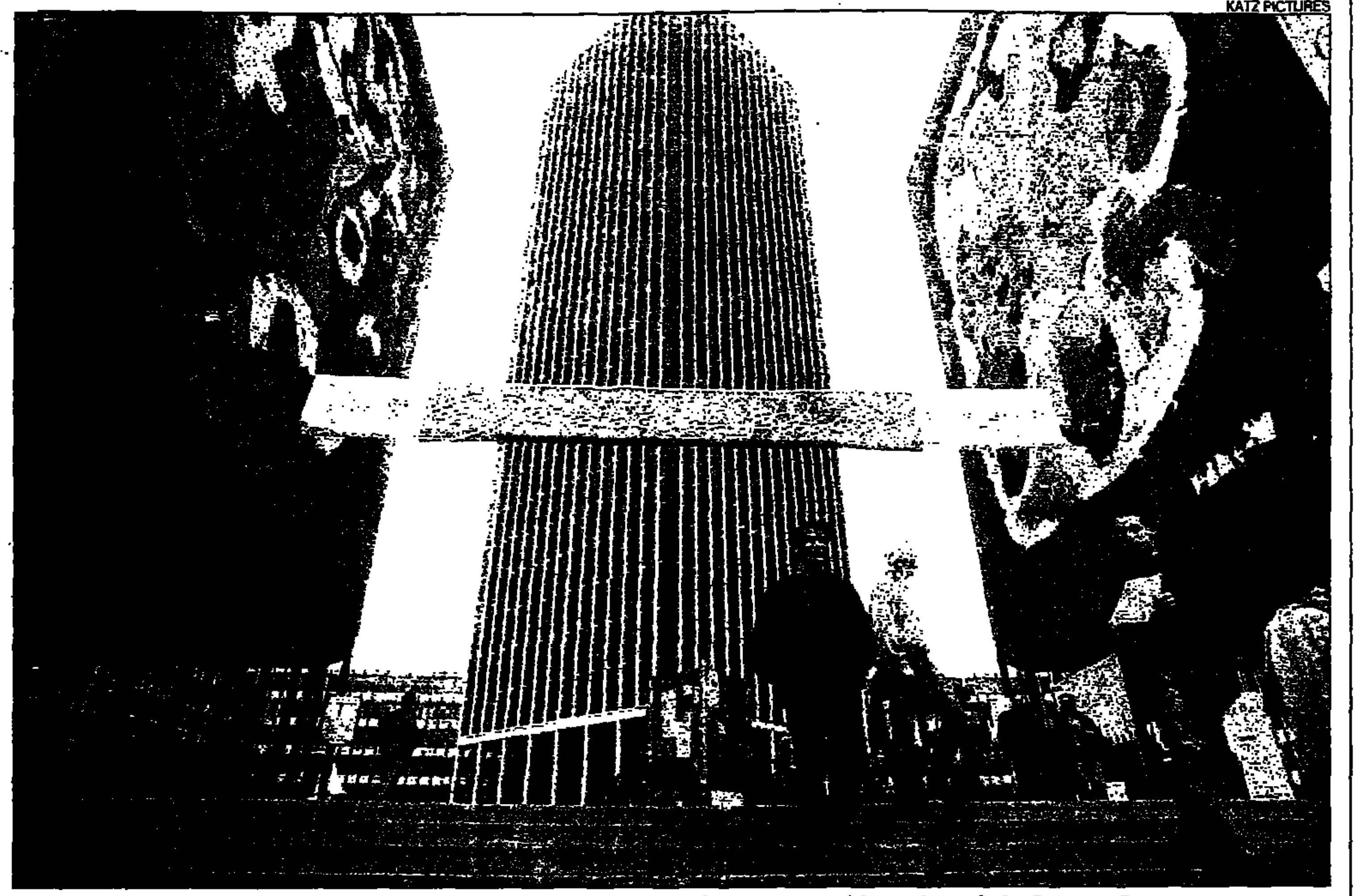

British students can study for part of their degree in Paris — or many other European cities — through the Socrates-Erasmus programme

The timing of overseas placements *also varies according to subject.* Medical students tend to go in the fourth year, law students in their third and most other subjects for all or part of the second year.

The most popular subjects for Britons studying in Europe are business studies, languages and then engineering. The two largest host countries for Britons are France and Germany, with Spain becoming increasingly popular. Finland and Sweden are popular because a lot of their courses are taught in English.

John Reilly, director of the UK Socrates-Erasmus office, based at the *University of Kent, warns that* studying abroad is not always the easiest of experiences. European *universities are often very large,* can be anonymous and lack the range of pastoral and social activities that UK universities tend to have. However, *given the increasing internationalism* of the job market, experience of living and studying in another country combined with a second language and a university degree could significantly enhance your employability. Many top UK law and accountancy firms now operate offices throughout Europe.

As far as getting a job in Europe is concerned, British degrees are generally well respected; there are more than 40,000 Europeans studying in UK universities. *But* there can be specific difficulties with particular countries — for example Spain, *Germany, Italy and Greece.*

The main issue in these countries is that their degree courses are *longer than those in Britain,* which are thus not thought to be comparable. In Germany, another problem is that there are no first degrees as *such; all students take masters* degrees. You may therefore be expected to take a masters degree before being considered for a job with a German company.

EC directives ensure that some national professional qualifications, for example in medicine, nursing, pharmacy and architecture are, in principle, recognised throughout Europe. But in other areas, a European recruiter who is used to recruiting from a local university where people have studied for five or six years and have two or three years relevant work experience, may regard British graduates as *light on* experience and breadth.

Tony Raban, director of the University of Cambridge Careers Service, says that in the UK, bright students study whichever subject they are interested in at undergraduate level *before going on to acquire* professional qualifications, whereas in continental Europe, many of the brightest students who aspire to a business career tend to enrol on business, law or accountancy first degrees.

Many British students get round the problem by joining a UK-based firm with offices in Europe or with close contacts with particular European countries.

● To find out about which UK universities offer the opportunity to study abroad in your chosen subject, you should consult *The UK Socrates-Erasmus Guide*, which lists every UK institution offering these programmes. Every school and college careers office should have a copy. Applications should be made directly to the universities in question.

RUSSIAN

FULL marks for the quality of undergraduate studies at Sheffield University helped it to clinch first place in the table for Russian.

The best research work in the field was found at Nottingham, which was awarded the top 5* grade, but it ended up in sixth place after its teaching received 19 of the 24 marks available.

Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, also received a 5* for research, but only *entered the work of one* member of staff for assessment.

Portsmouth University gained a 5 for research, also based on the work of one academic. Several other former polytechnics performed well in their assessment but did not make the table because they did not enter the Research Assessment Exercise. The English funding council awarded the University of Wolverhampton *22 marks for* teaching and the University at Northumbria, Newcastle, *earned 23 out of 24* for its overall assessment of modern languages.

Assessors found that Russian studies could be combined with a wide range of subjects in many institutions, including business and the social sciences as well as other European languages. Most degree programmes require a period spent in Russia or Eastern Europe.

1	Sheffield
2	Cambridge
3	Bangor
4=	Birmingham, SEES
6	Nottingham
7	Bristol
8	Queen Mary
9=	Keele, Leeds
11	Oxford
12	Durham
13	Exeter
14	Sussex
15	Manchester
16	Portsmouth
17	Swansea

(Total Institutions: 17)

SOCIOLOGY

FOUR universities — an unprecedented number — achieved the maximum score for teaching in sociology, but only two — Sussex and Warwick — appear in our top 20. Birmingham's academics were in a different subject grouping for the research rankings, while the Open University's research grade depressed its standing.

Essex, which tops the table, secured one of the two 5* ratings for research, along with *fifth-placed* Lancaster. Essex has a long-standing reputation for excellence in the subject.

Despite its 1960s image, sociology remains a popular subject, *with 76* institutions assessed. Four out of five students take it as part of a modular *degree course.*

There were wide variations in the grades for teaching and research, *although no* department failed to win official approval. Assessors were critical *of several aspects of* teaching, notably, the failure in almost half the institutions visited to give students transferable skills. Half of the reports noted shortcomings in sociological methods and/or research skills. Withdrawals and transfers to *other courses* were common in the early stages of degrees, but fewer than 10 per cent dropped *out.*

1	Essex
2=	Loughborough, Warwick
4	Sussex
5	Lancaster
6	Edinburgh
7	York
8	Manchester
9	Southampton
10=	Aberdeen, Brunel, Glasgow, Greenwich, Goldsmiths', Surrey
16=	Leeds, Salford
18=	Bristol
19=	LSE, Queen's (Belfast)

(Total Institutions: 60)

SOCIAL POLICY

SOCIAL policy has among the highest proportion of top-rated departments for teaching, but only the London *School* of Economics managed a 5* research grade. Few would contest the school's reputation for excellence in this field.

Kent and York, sharing *second place,* were *among* three universities with a grade 5 for research. Bath entered *fewer staff for assessment.*

More than a third of the institutions assessed for teaching quality were judged to be excellent. Edge Hill College and London Guildhall University, from the former polytechnic sector, were among the successes.

Assessors found that syllabuses were generally "up to date", relevant and, in many cases, "intellectually stimulat*ing and challenging". Only 40* per cent of departments saw the subject as vocational, but all claimed to be arming their students with transferable skills which would help in employment. Several universities were weak on the use of information technology.

Academics have attached growing importance to women's issues in recent years, but a quarter of departments were criticised for paying insufficient attention to race. Almost a third of the undergraduate courses were found to have a *high drop-out* rate.

1	LSE
2=	Kent, York
4=	Brunel, Hull, Manchester
7	Bath
8	Sheffield
9	Newcastle
10	Ulster
11	Guildhall
12	Birmingham
13	Bristol
14=	Lancaster, Goldsmiths, Middlesex, Queen's (Belfast)
18	*Sunderland*
19	Ulster
20	*Portsmouth*

(Total Institutions: 27)

SOCIAL WORK

THE University of East Anglia is joined at the top of *this year's table by* Lancaster and York, which were all awarded *a grade 5 in the Research* Assessment Exercise.

Stirling earned the only 5* *grade for research but* received less credit towards the social work table because it *entered a lower proportion of* staff for assessment. Warwick also received a 5 but was graded *satisfactory for teaching* whereas the top three were among the 16 institutions judged to be *excellent by the* English funding council.

Huddersfield is the highest *placed former polytechnic and* owes its place in the top ten to excellent teaching and a grade 4 *for research. Anglia* Polytechnic University, which makes 14th place, also has *excellent teaching but a grade* 2 for research.

Assessors found the teaching *approach in applied social* work was well-orientated towards its students. Former *polytechnics differed from traditional universities in that* their departments had particular strengths in student support *and diversity of access,* and less use of research work. However, the differences between the two types of institution were disappearing as each learnt from the other.

1=	East Anglia, Lancaster, York
4	Edinburgh
5=	Bradford, Hull, Keele, Southampton
9	Queen's (Belfast)
10=	Bristol, Huddersfield
12	Warwick
13	Stirling
14	Anglia
15	Leicester
16	Dundee
17=	Birmingham, Swansea
19=	Durham, LSE, Oxford, Sheffield

(Total Institutions: 50)

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■ VISUAL ART 1

The sculptor *Elisabeth Frink's* courageous and striking work is celebrated at the Salisbury Festival

■ VISUAL ART 2

A pioneering new Conservation Centre in Liverpool has been acclaimed in Museums Week

THE TIMES ARTS

■ RISING STAR

Oliver Hindle is moving from dancing to making dance, with a Gershwin ballet out next week

■ TOMORROW

As the title says, *Beavis and Butt-Head do America* — but how did they do in Britain?

The private properties of a lady

VISUAL ART:

On the eve of a retrospective, **Sir John Drummond** recalls his friend Elisabeth Frink

It is always hard to separate the artist from the work, especially once he or she becomes a friend. With Elisabeth Frink, whom I first met in the 1950s, the landscape in which she lived and worked became part of her story too. Whether in London in the early years, then in France, where she lived for a time, or in her final home in Dorset, the places she inhabited said as much about her as the work she created there. Though France was beautiful, her home in Dorset was really magical, mysteriously hidden in a strange hinterland behind Blandford Forum and below Bulbarrow Down. I found it amazing that, in this tiny, overpopulated island, there could be anywhere so remote.

Winding down a narrow road, you came into a valley transformed by her sculptures. Figures leapt from the hillside. Horses, both live and in bronze, stood guard. Wild boars and silhouettes of running men could be glimpsed through the woods. It was like an ancient world reborn. I could never go there without the sound of the Ritual Dances from Tippett's *The Midsummer Marriage* flooding my ears, evoking the elements of earth, fire, air and water. There was a sense of ritual about the place.

But her home, the converted stables of a demolished country house, was also a place of warmth and welcome. Silent during the working week, it became transformed at weekends, with family and dogs everywhere and great gatherings of friends. There was endless argument and gossip, lots to drink, excellent food and huge affection. But you were always conscious that outside on the terrace were the groups of great heads and the massive seated male figures that were such a feature of her later work. And beyond that, the timeless valley peopled with the results of a lifetime of ideas.

I knew Lis Frink all my adult life. However many months or years passed between meetings, we took up again without any effort. I always felt flattered by her taking my continuing affection for granted. When we first met, she immediately seemed to me someone of real significance — though only in her early twenties, already a fully formed person and artist. She was marvellous to watch, with those high cheekbones, firm jaw and the big strong hands that were the link between her and what she made. I loved her voice, with its even, slightly flat tone, her irony and directness. I also loved her work. Even then there were clear signs of what she was to achieve in her preoccupation with the human body and the natural world.

All art is about daring, but making sculpture seems the most courageous, not only through the hugely time and cash-consuming process it involves, but by its assertiveness. It is so much harder to ignore, even for those with little visual awareness. Her early works, *Bird Men*, *Aviators*, *Mirages*, *Spinning Men*, *The Dying King*, were of their time in a way that found immediate response. Our generation had seen wrecked planes, bombed cities, film of the camps, though too young to have fought for the freedom that in a postwar world would allow us to be ourselves. Yet the shadow remained and never entirely faded.

Her work was neither modish nor in pursuit of fashion. Even when she moved more obviously into representation, with the horses and dogs, it was still her individual vision. It won her not just recognition, but something much more elusive, wide popularity. It seemed that she spoke to people directly, bypassing the jargon of art critics or the theories of any school. Inevitably, this seemed to offend some areas of the art world, but she had no bitterness.

Even in the last years when, racked with cancer, she was often unable to eat and at times could hardly speak, she spent long days in the beautiful studio she had built, fighting for time to finish work that became more massive and demanding just when her strength was fading.

I will never forget our last meeting, a month or two before her death four years ago at the age of 62. It was a brilliant winter morning with every twig and leaf glistening with frost. We crunched our way across the frozen grass to the studio, where she carefully unwrapped the plaster of a huge figure of Christ that she was making for the west front of Liverpool Cathedral. She walked round touching things protectively, like a conductor drawing sounds from an orchestra. Back in the house she insisted on opening what was to be our last bottle of champagne, adamant that she would finish the work. And, by sheer strength of character, she did.

Lis was a very private person who produced very public art. In this she was part of a tradition that goes from the anonymous sculptors of the Kouros figures of early Greek civilisations, to the Celtic artists whose work she came to admire in Ireland, and on to the creators of the Romanesque cathedrals of France that she loved so much. In her big public commissions there is a direct line from Delphi and Olympia via Vezelay, Autun and Moissac to her final achievement, *the Christ for Liverpool*.

It is appropriate that the first big retrospective of her work should be mounted by the festival in Salisbury, where the unsettling *Walking Madonna*, one of her very few female figures, is such a feature of the Close. Brought up a Roman Catholic, she retained a strong Christian belief, but without dogma. She had faith in the human spirit, knowing its power and also its vulnerability. She sought simplicity, while realising that nothing in art or the natural world is really that simple. But above all she believed that the meaning of sculpture was best communicated in the open air, beside or within great architecture. This exhibition is a remarkable demonstration of how, in such a noisy world, the silence of sculpture can speak so eloquently.

● Elisabeth Frink — A Certain Unexpectedness *is at Salisbury Cathedral from tomorrow until June 19 as part of the Salisbury Festival (01722 320333)*

JORGE LEWINSKI

Elisabeth Frink with *Seated Man II*: her vision won her not just recognition, but something much more elusive — wide popularity

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CHANGING TIMES

Simon Tait reports on Liverpool's prizewinning new conservation centre

Rewards for the keepers

Eros is the show-stopper as you enter Liverpool's new Conservation Centre. Made for the city's Sefton Park from the same model as Alfred Gilbert's Piccadilly statue, he was replaced by a new casting because he was decaying. Now restored to his full gleaming aluminium glory he vigorously twangs away at his bow over the heads of visitors to the centre.

This is the conservation centre for the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, whose collections cover everything from ocean liners to bumble bees. And if pure conservation sounds forbiddingly dry and academic, Eros makes sure that the visit starts on a high note, which never wavers. Next to him is *The Spirit of Liverpool*, a 10ft monumental marble figure which decayed for more than a century as it overlooked the portals of the nearby Walker Gallery, until it was put into the tender hands of sculpture conservator John Larson, the world's principal expert on the use of lasers in conservation.

What goes on in this building, opened last October and well on target for 60,000 visitors a year, is "simply the biggest thing to happen in museums for decades". These are the words of Loyd Grossman, the chairman of the panel for the Conservation Awards which were handed out last night in London as part of the Museums and Galleries Commission's Museums Week.

So impressed were the judges that they awarded the centre a special prize for its outstanding contribution to conservation; the award for the category it was entered in, "Communicating Conservation", went instead to a runner-up. This meant some jigging about with prize money, generously accommodated by the sponsor, the Jerwood Foundation.

This unique place makes an exhibit of the very act of conservation, complete with such visitor essentials as a restaurant and shop. "It is conservation coming out," says the commission's conservation head, Carole Milner.

Originally, the conservators were made to beaver away at their benches in a vast hall, looked down on by the public from a circular balcony, but this conveyed practically nothing. Now visitors go into a small cinema. In one of the 13 conservation studios is an expert in, say, costume who has something particular that day to talk about. Trained in television techniques and equipped with a digitised camera which he or she can manoeuvre to get close to the objects, the expert explains what's going on.

The television system cost just £45,000 of the £8 million total (pre-lottery) for the development, and other museums are now looking at the application of TV.

Visitors can also go on tours, and there are hands-on sessions. Twice a week you can take your treasures in to get the experts' advice on how best to look after them.

A static exhibition tackles everything from stuffing an owl to doing up an old motorbike, with the more refined challenges of paintings conservation somewhere in between (with X-rays showing changes behind the surface of a picture). And the centre is also conserving the very building it occupies, the Grade II listed Midland Railway Goods Depot, built in 1875, with space to expand.

"The centre's important because it gets conservation from behind the scenes and out front, in focus," says another judge, Barbara Woroncow. "Two thirds of museums' budgets goes on caring for their objects, and this lets the public see why and how, which is going to be important in the battle for public funding. There are lessons for museums all over the world that not only can it be done, but it can be popular."

Next year the intention is to make conservation the theme of Museums Week. "There's a growing understanding that we all have a hand in conserving our heritage, how to look after it and where to go to get it mended," Milner says. "We're giving that understanding a push, and the Conservation Centre is a magnificent national gesture."

● *To book a visit to the Conservation Centre, call 0151-478 4995*

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

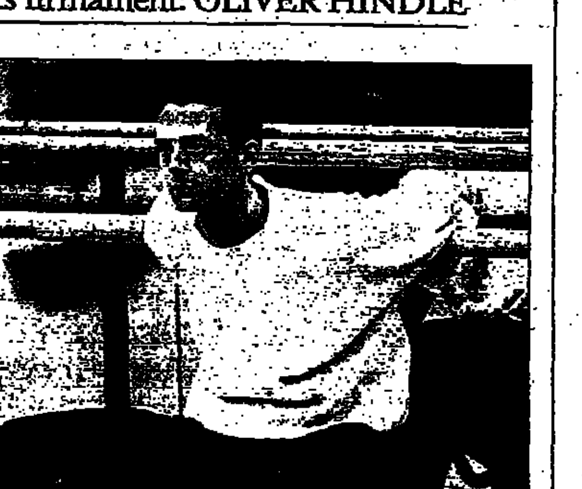
Rising stars in the arts firmament: OLIVER HINDLE

Age: 28.

Profession: Choreographer and dancer with Birmingham Royal Ballet.

How did he start in ballet? "I know it is not good to say this for interviews, but I really don't remember." Born in Weybridge, with no one remotely theatrical in his family, Hindle found himself, aged ten, at the Royal Ballet School where he soon became interested in choreographing as well as dancing.

Where can we see his work? The world premiere of his sixth piece for BRB, *Bright Young Things*, to Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F, takes place on May 29 at the Birmingham Hippodrome.



What is it about? "The style is obviously 1920s, but without going too far into imitating; and also there is no narrative. The action will probably suggest certain situations."

Why doesn't he dance in his own work? "Because I don't think you can see properly what is going on. And besides, I like other people to have a bit of imput, by bringing a slightly different slant to the steps I've made up." He wants to carry on as a dancer for a few more years — "but it is the choreography I'm basically really interested in".

What's so good about choreographing; is it the fact of being in control? "No, because I am usually *not* in control. I really couldn't tell you where I get the buzz from. Choreographing can be very stressful and half the time you finish up having tantrums. But part of me must enjoy it because otherwise I wouldn't do it. Perhaps there is a satisfaction in creating things."

Isn't ballet old hat for young people like him? "No — or yes, if you keep 100 per cent to the strict class movements. But what you do is, you mix it with other things. I don't mean you simply nick ideas from tap or contemporary dance or whatever. But you extend ballet's language in ways you think are appropriate or look good, so that you go beyond the absolutely classical positions."

NADINE MEISNER

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■ THEATRE 1

Pride, grief and anger are mingled in Zoë Wanamaker's feelings towards the Globe

■ THEATRE 2

Life in an isolated sect is delicately evoked at the Old Vic in *Prayers of Sherkin*

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■ THEATRE 3

At the Warehouse Theatre *Fat Janet is Dead* proves to be a delightful black comedy

■ POP

Something of the night in him: Nick Cave flaunts his cult status at the Albert Hall

THEATRE: As the royal opening nears, **Benedict Nightingale** talks to Zoë Wanamaker about the Globe. Plus reviews

Fathered by Sam's courage

You can see the mixture of pleasure and pain on Zoë Wanamaker's face as she walks into the Globe past a video screen on which her late father is excitedly describing the project to which he devoted so much of his life. Sightseers are milling about, builders are finishing the stage, and the memory of last year's "prologue" season is much on her mind: "People hanging out of the rafters, people in the groundling area, people in anoraks and people with shooting sticks, a real cross-section of the community. Every time I come here I can hear Sam's voice saying, I told you so, I told you so, I knew the place would work."

This year Shakespeare's playhouse, or as complete a replica of it as modern scholarship can conceive, officially opens with *Henry V*. Since Zoë is Sam Wanamaker's daughter and a fine actress in her own right, it is not surprising that she herself should be delivering a short prologue before the grand premiere on June 12. She is keeping her choice of words secret, but you cannot spend an afternoon with her without sensing some of the feelings she will take onstage: intense filial pride, grief that Sam did not live to enjoy the occasion and, suppressed for the night, anger at the obstacles which prevented him doing so.

After all, her father had perpetually to do battle with forces that included the left-wing ideologues of Southwark Council, snooty cognoscenti who accused him of being a vainglorious American, and, at the end, serious illness. In the last stages of a cancer that had already disabled his left shoulder, he was still travelling to New Zealand, Tokyo and California seeking money for the Globe, still insisting on personally welcoming the theatre's supporters.

One such occasion, just weeks before his death in 1993, sticks especially in Zoë's memory. "It was raining heavily, yet he insisted on going to the middle of the makeshift stage; and his left arm was in a sling and there was a raincoat over it, and he was carrying a large umbrella. He stood there in silhouette in the sheets of water looking bigger than he was, thanking people for their generosity. It was the most moving thing I can remember, like seeing Moses and Lear in one."

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She cannot remember exactly when she first became strongly aware of her father's determination to rebuild the Globe. There was a day in the early 1960s when drawings of the theatre replaced plans of the house her parents were building in Highgate on the dining-room table. There was an experimental season in a tent on Bankside in 1970, when she was a drama student. Certainly, nobody could doubt the seriousness of Sam's intentions when he decided the same year to move the family home from comfortable N6 to run-down Southwark itself.

"I think my mother was saddened, because in Highgate she had space, and a beautiful garden, and a walk-in larder and a two-door fridge, and here she was in a semi-derelict house with a tiny living area cooking on a Belling." But Charlotte Wanamaker threw herself wholeheartedly into the Globe campaign, working in its tacky offices in Bear Gardens until a brain tumour forced her to give up in the 1980s. She died four months ago: which meant she was able at least to see *Two Gentlemen of Verona* in the almost finished theatre last summer.

The Wanamakers' courage in the 1970s and 1980s cannot be overestimated. There were break-ins, burglaries and vandalism at Bear Gardens. A brick was thrown through the family window at the time Southwark's Marxists were attacking Sam's "elitist" project. To the end some regarded him as an alien invader, with his enthusiasm for regenerating a derelict area, building a footbridge across the river to St Paul's, and, of course, doing belated justice to the Bard. Zoë and her mother more than once begged him to give up the fight against English indifference and negativity, but he never would.

"He was not bitter about the struggles he had, just uncomprehending," says Zoë. "But he was like the runner with the Olympic torch. His belief in the project never stopped. He had fantastic, warrior-like tenacity. He was indomitable."

Indeed, he suppressed the news about his cancer for four years, not even revealing it to his family until a terminal diagnosis made it impossible to pretend he simply had a frozen arm. Shortly before he died, he insisted on personally receiving an honorary degree at the LSE. He was in pain and his arm was so swollen that Charlotte had to cut off the sleeve of his dress shirt. Nothing mattered more than ensuring the Globe received recognition and support.

Of course, there were and still are doubts about the artistic value of the Globe. Zoë admits to having felt them herself when she was a young actress and was trying to make Shakespeare immediate and accessible at theatres such as Stratford's Other Place. "I was afraid that because of the Globe's associations there was a danger of baggy tights and terrible wigs. I thought it might look amateur and naff."

Her mind is now completely changed; and not just because of loyalty to her father's memory. "The Globe is here now and it's not going to go away. We have to discover it, struggle with it, enjoy it for what it is, fight with it, revel in it, and make it work. I know we can."

She is far from alone in having found last year's "prologue" season exciting and propitious. The Globe was not then fully tested, because a temporary stage was used. Now that it has oak pillars, oak backing and oak "heavens" above it, the acoustics will be different. But Zoë feels, as many of us do, that the theatre will take our performers forwards into the past. They will be so exposed that fresh, even experimental ways of acting will be demanded.

"The space requires a lot of energy in order to reach everybody in the theatre. It forces you to connect when you are still or even standing with your back to the audience. But Dad always said an actor should be able to do everything. He should be an acrobat, a juggler, a magician, a historian. He should be Everyman."

Zoë is currently preparing to play Sophocles's Electra at Chichester and the Donmar and has no plans to act on Bankside: "My Dad always wanted the theatre to be the Globe, not Sam Wanamaker's Globe, and I think that performing there might make it seem too much a filial thing." Maybe one day she will be persuaded to appear, but meanwhile she keeps up the family connection as a Globe trustee and a member of its policy-making artistic board.

But perhaps she is not the only member of the Wanamaker clan deeply committed to the theatre's success. Sam the magnificent obsessive is still somewhere in the Globe. "I don't believe in these things," says Zoë. "But I think he is definitely around. I can't believe that kind of energy could simply disappear."

● Henry V *opens at the Globe on June 14 with previews from May 27 (0171-401 9919)*

PETER TRIEVNOR

"I was afraid that the Globe might look amateur and naff," says Zoë Wanamaker. But now, she says, we must "enjoy it for what it is, revel in it"

Devotion, love and sects

Prayers of Sherkin
Old Vic

Sebastian Barry writes about people surviving on a fringe of life, a narrowing fringe but one that stretches a long way back. In *The Steward of Christendom*, the dying hero cast his wandering wits over a life that began in certainties and was ending in sorrow because history (the Irish Civil War) had introduced a different certainty and rendered him out of date.

Time and chance have played a similar trick on the kindly people living on the island of Sherkin. A hundred years earlier, a visionary artisan led three families out of Manchester to await a New Jerusalem in the far, far west of Ireland, but their numbers are now reduced to five. Hopes of surviving into another generation rest on the dreamy Jesse and his sister Fanny.

Barry presents their sect as gentle and tolerant: English Protestants respected by the Catholics across the water in Baltimore, their closest mainland town. Will this isolated sect survive? And should it? A lithographer in the town is smitten with Fanny, and she, a 30-year-old adolescent, finds her heart stirring towards him. Her father will not tell her to stay against her wish but he will grieve if she goes, and the first half ends with her saying: "Father, I will abide."

In almost every scene of the play someone is working. Barry's creation of a community going about its business is delicately assembled, and the precision of John Dove's production allows his cast to create characters persuasively at ease in their rich pattern of glance and gesture. In fact, so very persuasively that for some time I could not find my way into the substance of a play that seemed too dense with peripheral detail for a love story. Would anything emerge to link the details to it?

Barry's title gives the answer, joining the sailors' heartfelt prayer for safe return to land with Fanny's own unconscious desires, expressed through her vision of the sect's founder changing his mind. No man — nor woman — should be an island.

Against Anthony Macilwaine's soaring set, a ladder of shelves appropriate to a town shop, Shakerish living-room and even flea-filled hotel bedroom, Catherine Cusack creates for Fanny a fine and decorous exuberance. And through her voice the honesty of her soul shines forth. It is the quality that attracts the other characters, but is a style of playing that all the cast share, whether it be Julian Glover's honourable father, Stanley Townsend's honest lithographer or the aunts and working people of the town. Through their complex interaction Barry shows us the losses we are obliged to endure by taking the decisions that we must.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Pie and mother's ruin

Fat Janet is Dead
Warehouse Theatre

FAT JANET is indeed dead. She's lying in the middle of Anthony Lamble's nicotine-stained council flat, well fed and serene in a floral dress, having toppled off a chair while putting up Christmas decorations. If there were awards for proneness, Tricia Vincent would sweep the board. Around her corpse, first-time playwright Simon Smith has crafted a delightful comedy that has already picked off the top prize in the Warehouse's 1996 International Playwriting Festival.

It's New Year's Eve, 1979, and Tom and Porky, caretakers of a tower block estate, have come to investigate the demise of Fat Janet. They put the tea on, take out the Bournville biscuits and air gloomy thoughts about their own innocuous lives. Roger Frost's Tom, with the doom-laden voice of a Welsh Moses, cannot distinguish 22 years of thankless council service from 25 years of unhappily married life. Carl Davies's widower, Porky, talks sentimentally of his own wife and despairs of his teenage daughter.

Events take an even more cosy turn when Susan Porrett's homely Norma appears from next door with a generous line in consolation and a bottle of scotch. "Sometimes I think my sterility is a blessing," sighs Norma, looking out of the window at Porky's daughter and her chums causing mayhem across the street. Writers such as Mike Leigh and Alan Bennett have spent entire careers honing this sort of material into a fine art.

It may be the coupling of the bland and the bizarre that generates the raw comedy. But it's the perspective of Jessica Dromgoole's naturalistic production that intrigues and disarms. The muddy, mostly banal motivations of these characters are observed with savage, almost childlike honesty: the mad importance, for instance, that Porky and Norma invest in the making of shepherd's pie. You really do believe that these were the kind of conversations that shaped the playwright's childhood. But, like Porky's oversized leather gloves, they hide wounds that no amount of scar tissue or treble gins are able to heal.

It is a relief to find a new play that owes nothing to the flash young stylists currently in vogue, and everything to a set of suburban truths by which people really do, however preposterously and pathetically, measure their lives.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Stanley Townsend (left), Catherine Cusack and Bohdan Poraj in *Prayers of Sherkin*

POP: **David Sinclair** on an indestructible scarecrow

The ageing whiz-kid of Oz

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds
Albert Hall

FOR years the appeal of Nick Cave was largely impenetrable to those outside a small coterie of believers. His work with the Birthday Party in the early 1980s was an acquired taste, his first solo albums almost as challenging.

But now nearing his fortieth birthday, the expatriate Australian has grown into a new role as a dark, alternative balladeer on his current album, *The Boatman's Call*, while his audience has broadened sufficiently to justify a two-night stand at the Albert Hall.

Cave began his show on Monday with the lilting, if recriminatory, *Far From Me*, and ended with a version of his new single, *(Are You) The One That I've Been Waiting For?*, that was a model of austere songwriting grace and affecting tenderness.

In between, there were occasional glimpses of the old firebrand, as during *The Carny* (from his 1986 album *Your Funeral ... My Trial*), when he stormed and strutted around the dimly lit stage, his skinny arms raised in supplication, his tall, raven-haired persona a combination of soap-box preacher, fairground huckster and mobile scarecrow.

But more in evidence were the romantic narratives in 3/4 time — the rock 'n' roll waltzes — that have become his speciality in recent years. "My life flashed before my eyes, it was a horror to behold," he sang in *I Let Love In*, his funereal tone belying the obvious twinkle in the lyric. In the absence of Kylie Minogue, he sang his biggest hit, *Where the Wild Roses Grow*, as a duet with besuited guitarist Blixa Bargeld, which was casually but cleverly milked for its comic potential.

The Bad Seeds provided magnificent support. With violin, accordion, vibes, organ, tubular bells and brushed drums enjoying a prominent role, the group's sound was far removed from traditional, guitar-dominated rock *ordinaire*. And although pleasingly loose and spontaneous, their performance was telepathically in tune with Cave's switches of mood and pace. Violinist Warren Ellis won a deserved ovation for his spine-tingling solo, which spiralled heavenwards during an eccentric reading of Nina Simone's *Plain Gold Ring*.

But inevitably it was Cave, with his energetic yet spectral stage presence, who took the bouquets, a late-blooming star who remains one of rock's true originals.

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■ CHOICE 1

It's the real thing: an exhibition about the Coke bottle opens in London

VENUE: From today at the Design Museum

■ CHOICE 2

American actress Tyne Daly sings hits by Cole Porter in BBC Music Live 97

VENUE: From today at venues around Manchester

THE TIMES ARTS

■ OPERA

Welsh National Opera doesn't stint on volume in *Simon Boccanegra*, but with mixed results

■ MUSIC

Markus Stenz and the London Sinfonietta take a trip through modern German music

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

ANNIVERSARY TRIO Peter Frankl, piano, György Pauk, violin, and Ralph Kirshbaum cello, celebrate 25 years of music-making with Beethoven's Piano Trio in D, *Ghost*, the premiere of James MacMillan's Trio and Brahms's Trio
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

THE COCA-COLA BOTTLE: The famous contour bottle is put into its social and cultural context in an exhibition that aims to explore the popular appeal, endurance and universality of one of the most famous *designs of the 20th century*
Design Museum, Butler's Wharf, Shad *Thames*, SE1 (0171-403 6933) Opens today 11.30am Then Mon-Fri, 11.30am-6pm Until August 26

NICOLA HICKS. An exhibition of sculptures, cast in bronze or crafted in plaster and straw, together with charcoal drawings and new prints, on the subject of the animal — both human and beast
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2251). *Opens today, 10am Then Mon-Thurs,* 10am-10pm; Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat and Sun, noon-10pm Until June 20

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *Sir Colin Davis conducts the LSO and* the Finchley Children's Music Group in *Piers Hellawell's Do Not Disturb* The evening continues with the heroic grandeur of *Mozart's Piano Concerto* No 24, played by Alfred Brendel, followed by the warm harmonies of Brahms's Second Symphony.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Today and tomorrow, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BURY ST EDMUNDS The 12th Bury *St Edmunds Festival includes* performances by Method and Madness *of The Winter's Tale.* Shakespeare's blend of comedy, fantasy and tragedy.
Theatre Royal, Westgate Street (01284 769505) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.30pm.

LEEDS. Clare Gibault conducts **Opera North**'s new production of *Mozart's Così fan tutte* With Susannah Glanville as Fiordiligi, Emma Selway as *Dorabella, Paul Nilon as Ferrando and* William Dazeley as Guglielmo Directed *by Tim Albery. Sung in English.*
Grand, Tonight and Friday, 7.15pm. Then June 2, 5 and 7, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Music Live 97, a seven-day festival of live music and performance from the BBC, begins today. International musicians combine with young performers from the north west in more than 90 events — from pop, jazz, rock, indie, country and classical music to opera, brass, dance, bhangra and folk — around the city. Artists taking part include Bonaventura Bottone, the Hallé Orchestra, Alison *Krauss, Thomas Hampson,* Marti Webb and Tyne Daly. Manchester's *alternative music scene is represented in the fringe festival. Music Live at the Edge, featuring the group* Travis and jazz chanteuse Carla Bley
Music Live information (0990 336000) and ticket bookings (0990 448000).

LONDON GALLERIES

Association of Photographers: Picture the Samaritans (0171-608 1445) **Boundary**: Sylvia Melland (0171-624 1126) . . . **British Museum**. Coin Jewellery: Ancient, Medieval and Modern (0171-636 1555) **Dulwich Picture**: The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the *Visible (0181-693 5254)* . . **Leighton House**: Piers de Laszlo (0171-602 3316) . **National**: Back to the Future: Student Interpretations of National Gallery Paintings (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait**: A Statue for Oscar Wilde by Maggi Hambling (0171-306 0055) . . **Osborne Studio** "Eclectic Similarities": David Hemmings (0171-*235 9667)* . . . **Serpentine**: *Anya* Gallaccio (Gallery Lawn) (0171-402 6075) . . **Theo Waddington**: Conor Fallon (0171-494 1584)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ART**, David Haig, Anton Lesser, Mark Williams in this exceptionally *interesting drama about friendship,* unspoken resentment and an almost all-*white painting*
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, Until October 4

☐ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington. Unlike in the *film, the Beast should stay the same* size throughout.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE** The Olivier is transformed into a "theatre in the round" for Simon McBurney's production of Brecht's last important work. Juliet Stevenson plays Grusha, with McBurney as the ingenious *judge, Azdak.*
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 *(0171-928 2252) Today, 2pm and* 7.15pm In rep.

☐ ***DONA ROSITA**: Phoebe Nicholls* plays the patient spinster, pointlessly *hopeful, but then this is Lorca. Eleanor* Bron, Kathryn Hunter, Celia Imrie, Kerry Shale, Clive Swift also feature in Phyllida Lloyd's production
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm;* mat Sat, 3pm. Until June 7.

☐ **GABRIEL**: Lisa Harrow plays the Guernsey widow who rescues a handsome amnesiac (Stephen *Billington) washed up on a beach in* 1943. Fiona Buffini directs the last play *in the Site Specific season.*
Soho, 21 Dean Street, W1 (0171-420 0022). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until May 24.

☐ **LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING**: Neat psychological games and sly manoeuvring are promised in Joe Penhall's new play where an aspiring couple's lifestyle is threatened by a visitor's demands for instant gratification *Mike Bradwell* directs.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 *(0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm*

☐ **MY MOTHER SAID I NEVER SHOULD**: *Charlotte Keatley's classic* exploration of the mother-daughter *bond. Dominic Cooke directs Jane* Lowe, Pauline Lynch, Grace Mitchell and Robyn Moore for Oxford Stage Co's touring production.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 4776) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue and Thurs, 2pm, Until May 31.

☐ **POPCORN**: Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A *Tarantinoesque director gets his come-*uppance when a couple of serial killers *(great playing by Patrick O'Kane and* Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. Laurence Boswell directs.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm

☐ **SCHOOLGIRLS IN UNIFORM** Cast of 18 women play teachers and students in a stage version of Christa Winsloe's Expressionist classic, *Mädchen in Uniform.* Kellie Bright plays Manuela, Hildegard Neil her comforter Sean O'Connor directs
BAC Studio 1, Lavender *Hill, SW11* (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; Sun, 5.30pm Until June 1

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ◩ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)** Criterion (0171-369 1737) . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum *(0171-656 1807)* . . . ☐ ***Martin Guerre***: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400)

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CINEMA GUIDE

***Geoff Brown's assessment of* films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

NEW RELEASES

DANGEROUS GROUND (18): Unconvincing revenge thriller, set in South Africa, with Ice Cube and Elizabeth Hurley Director, Darrell James *Roodt*
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL HIGH** (15) Rough going for an idealistic teacher in an inner *city school Paltry comedy vehicle for* John Lovitz. Director, Hart Bochner
Odeon West End *(0181-315 4221)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

KILLER: A JOURNAL OF MURDER (18) Thoughtful drama about an *unrepentant criminal, with James* Woods and Robert Sean Leonard. Director, Tim *Metcalfe*
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ ***MICROCOSMOS** (U) Astonishing* French field trip to the world of insects, *filmed with microscopic photography.*
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

LA PASSIONE (15) Extended and pretentious music video featuring Chris Rea's music Director, John B Hobbs
Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE RELIC** (15) Monster runs a natural history museum's gala opening Tiresome nonsense, with Penelope Ann *Miller and Tom Sizemore*
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **WHEN WE WERE KINGS** (PG): Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman in 1974 Director, Leon Gast.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** *(0171-839 1527)*

CURRENT

◆ **ANACONDA** (15) Silly fun in the rainforest with Jennifer Lopez, Jon Voight, and an unconvincing giant snake Director Luis Llosa.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) ***UCI Whiteleys*** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-*370 2636*)

COLD COMFORT FARM (PG): *Ungainly cinema transfer for John* Schlesinger's TV version of the spoof *rural melodrama. With Kate Beckinsale* and Eileen Atkins **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

***EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU** (12)* New York neuroses set to music by *Woody Allen. Beguiling, but thin With* Alan Alda and Julia Roberts.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** Ⓢ *(0171-437 4343)*

◆ **LIAR LIAR** (12): Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive comedy, soft round the edges.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Empire** (0990-888 990) ***Greenwich** (0181-235 3005)* **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

VERTIGO (PG): Restored print of Hitchcock's hypnotic thriller, with James Stewart and Kim Novak.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

◆ **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET** *(12) Effervescent* contemporary treatment, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ *(0990 888990)* **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

There's no need to shout

OPERA

Simon Boccanegra
New, Cardiff

DONALD COOPER

Phillip Joll as Simon Boccanegra: "patches of unsteadiness and worryingly unfocused pitch ill-suited to his new career"

While the Royal Opera is busy preparing a splurge of *Boccanegras* — both versions — for next month's Verdi Festival, the Welsh National has sneaked in with a new production, shared with Strasbourg. Monday's first night was a frustrating experience: much about it was good, and much rather less than good in ways that are, and could have been, easily remedied.

Carlo Rizzi led a disciplined, often viscerally exciting reading, drawing full-blooded playing from the orchestra and spurring the chorus on to great heights. But there was a certain inflexibility, an almost mechanical quality to some of the tempos and phrasing, a lack of light and shade in a score where half-tones and a certain hesitancy are so vital. And it all seemed terribly loud, with the singers forcing out more tone than strictly necessary for so muted a piece, and needlessly bellowing intimate conversations. It sounded like brash early Verdi, and it really should not.

The cast, too, was all swings and roundabouts. Alastair Miles's first Fiesco was a signal success, ink-toned, authoritative, and with an ideal sense of Verdian line; in more relaxed circumstances he will doubtless sing *Il lacerato spirito* much more expressively. Paul Charles Clarke's first Gabriele Adorno, too, had Verdian thrust and daring, his tenor "pinging" out thrillingly, and he always performs with complete conviction.

Whether or not tackling Amelia is a wise career move for Nuccia Focile, WNO's unforgettable Violetta, it is hard to say. For this role one expects more bloom, more weight than is yet hers to command — her tone sounded a little thin and vinegary — but she is so graceful, so vibrant a performer that it seems churlish to cavil. Arwel Huw Morgan started to convey Paolo's villainy in the second part, having been hampered by a most unhelpful costume and vocally overshadowed by William Peel as his henchman, Pietro.

I do not believe that Phillip Joll (Boccanegra) has ever quite recovered from singing Wotan so early in his career. There are patches of unsteadiness and worryingly unfocused pitch that are ill-suited to his new career as a Verdian: with so much wobble it is virtually impossible to achieve a true legato line, and without legato all is lost. The Doge's big moments — *Io vo gridando, Il mare* — were gracelessly sung at an unsparing double fortissimo.

Ralph Koltai's set is based on two swivelling suspended walls, one both translucent and reflecting (good clear mirror images of the conductor and assorted television monitors), and one solid. Black-clad attendants forever pushing them into position soon became irritating, while mirror side walls and a marine backcloth made for many awkward entrances and exits. The seascape was replaced in the last act by a blow-up of a Petrarch *canzone* in the original medieval Italian, with mention of "German madness" and, more invitingly, "scampi".

David Pountney's production, paying occasional homage to the famous Alden-Fielding version at the Coliseum, was at its best when focused on directing singers, and at its less than good when striving for effect: the Council Chamber scene, with its giant stilt-walking patricians, dainty little freezes in time to the music and production-number groupings was horribly arty, and arty is one thing that *Boccanegra* most emphatically is not. A curate's egg of an evening.

RODNEY MILNES

Bouncing off the wall

London Sinfonietta / Stenz
Queen Elizabeth Hall

GIVEN the turbulent musical history of postwar Germany, the ever-adventurous London Sinfonietta set itself an almost impossible challenge in devoting just two programmes to a survey of modern German music. But simply in terms of years being covered the second part of the "Post War, Post Wall" celebration was always going to be easier, and Sunday's concert provided a fair and fascinating overview of the country's newest musical trends.

All of the composers featured were born since the war, all the works performed date from the Nineties, and all but one (the Goebbels) was being heard in Britain for the first time. Wolfgang Rihm, the great white hope of contemporary German music, was the obvious starting point: he provides a link with Stockhausen, with whom he studied, but has also been responsible for breaking the tyranny Stockhausen imposed. His return to expressionism makes him a kind of latterday Berg, as both his works played at the Queen Elizabeth Hall revealed.

Farewell Pieces, for soprano (Rosemary Hardy on strong form) and large ensemble, takes poems by Wolf Wondratschek describing the desecration of a man's corpse by his lover. Their ugly cruelty is not matched by the score: in the best expressionist tradition there are passages of soaring beauty, including appropriate allusions to *Salome*, snatches of cabaret and waltz music, and parody of the most humane kind. Berg is also suggested in the moments of *Pursued Form* when the music spills over into dance. It is a tautly rhythmical score, coloured by dusky instrumentation, and Markus Stenz conducted it with spiky precision.

Strong rhythmical pulses also underpin Detlev Glanert's *Gestalt*, most successful of the other pieces played here. The composer, who writes with concentrated economy, has described the work as a "slowly-turning sound-time sculpture", and indeed the basic material is heard from many "angles". Most of the scoring for chamber ensemble is delicate, with muted strings playing chorale-like fragments, but there are also jazzy outbursts.

Bernd Franke's *Seasons of Light*, premiered here, is a work of angular lyricism partly inspired by Richard Pousette-Dart's painting of the same name. The music is a somewhat loose collage of shapes and colours, with a prominent solo bassoon (John Orford) that takes the role of a singing and screaming character, and striking effects that include shattering glass. Mood music is given an even more central place in Heiner Goebbels's *La Jalousie*, a sultry, claustrophobic score in which a rock ballad on electric guitar drifts in between narration and "sampled" domestic noises. With only a few strongly telling moments the score still deserved a place here by representing a composer who has been making big international waves.

JOHN ALLISON

ART GALLERIES

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Court of Appeal

No jury for libel trial

Aitken v Preston and Others
Aitken v Granada Television Ltd and Another

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment May 15]

It was an important consideration in favour of trial by jury in a libel action that the case involved prominent public figures and issues of national interest.

Where, however, in a libel action concerned with the plaintiff's fitness for public office, the court had found that the trial would, within the meaning of section 69(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, require "prolonged examination of documents ... which cannot conveniently be made with a jury" it should, in considering whether nevertheless to order jury trial under section 69(3), concentrate on what best served the interests of justice rather than on any public perception giving preference to trial by jury in such a case.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr Peter Preston, Mr David Pallister and Guardian Newspapers Ltd in the first action and Granada Television Ltd and Guardian Newspapers Ltd in the second action, from Mr Justice Popplewell who, on application by the plaintiff, Mr Jonathan Aitken, had concluded that trial of his libel actions would require prolonged examination of documents which could not conveniently be made with a jury and that accordingly they should be tried by a judge alone.

Mr George Carman, QC, Mr James Price, QC and Miss Alexandra Marzec for the defendants; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Justin Rushbrooke for the plaintiff.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE summarised the allegations of which the plaintiff complained and which the defendants proposed to justify.

From that it was readily apparent that all the imputations at issue on justification related essentially to the plaintiff's public life and activities, their underlying thrust being a charge that his conduct rendered him unfit for public office.

The judge had correctly extracted from the relevant authorities the following principles:

1 The basic criterion, that a trial required prolonged examination of documents, had to be strictly satisfied: see *Rothermere v Times Newspapers Ltd* ([1973] 1 WLR 448); but the word "examination" bore a wide connotation: see *Goldsmith v Pressdram Ltd* ([1988] 1 WLR 64).

2 "Conveniently" meant without substantial difficulty in comparison with carrying out the same process with a judge alone: see *Beta Construction Ltd v Channel Four Television Co Ltd* ([1990] 1 WLR 1042); *Taylor v Anderton* ([1995] 1 WLR 447).

3 The ultimate exercise of discretion would depend substantially on the circumstances of the individual case.

The following factors, identified in the earlier cases, which had some general application, were relevant:

1 The emphasis now was against trial by juries and that should be taken into account by the court when exercising its discretion: see *Goldsmith v Pressdram*.

That conclusion was based on section 69(3), a new section replacing the provision in force when the *Rothermere* case was decided.

2 An important consideration in favour of a jury arose where, as here, the case involved prominent figures in public life and questions of national interest: see the *Rothermere* case.

3 The fact that the case involved issues of credibility and that a party's honour and integrity were under attack was a factor properly to be taken into account but was not an overriding factor in favour of trial by jury: see *Goldsmith v Pressdram*.

4 The advantage of a reasoned judgment was a factor properly to be taken into account: see *Beta Construction*.

Mr Carman challenged the judge's conclusion that the two statutory conditions in section 69(1) had been fulfilled.

But in the forefront of his submissions he had advanced a more fundamental argument: that the essential issue as to the plaintiff's fitness for public office was a matter of national interest and that where Parliament had given a prima facie right to jury trial the public interest was best served by the trial of those issues by a jury.

He had argued:

That where the court was examining the conduct of a member of Parliament, a minister or a cabinet minister against the standards of what the public would expect, it was valuable that such judgments were made by the fellow citizens of the individual involved.

That those considerations should have weighed heavily with the judge who should have been concerned above all to maintain public confidence in the administration of justice.

That the public perception was that trial by jury was preferable in the case of a public figure because of the public dimension in such a case.

That trial by jury should, therefore, have been the starting point; and that although not a conclusive consideration it should have been in the forefront of the judge's mind.

He had relied on the *Rothermere* case (at p453), echoing the observation that if a newspaper attacked a public figure and was then obliged to defend itself the right to do so before a jury was not lightly to be taken away: where a public figure and the public interest were involved, the natural right of the media to seek jury trial should not be lightly denied.

In his Lordship's view it was appropriate to bear in mind:

1 The case concerned a well known public figure, formerly the holder of high office, who complained of an attack on his integrity which would, if true, reflect adversely not only on him but also perhaps on the government and party of which he was a member. It was true that he had originally consented to trial by jury and only recently had applied for trial by judge alone;

2 The defendants were well known and influential organs of the media, asserting a right and a duty to expose misconduct in high places boldly and fearlessly; it was important in the public interest that that activity should not be unfairly muzzled or restricted;

3 The court's overriding concern must be to ensure that justice was done to the plaintiff and to the defendants. It would be wrong for the court to consider which mode of trial might be more favourable to which party, even if it were possible, which it was not, to make any confident prediction. That was simply not its concern.

The fundamental issue was whether the defendants' allegations were shown to be true: it was important in the interests of both parties and the public at large that an answer was given which was, and was convincingly demonstrated to be, unassailably reliable.

The judge was not wrong to find that the two qualifying conditions in section 69(1) were fulfilled. He was fully entitled to form the opinion that the trial would require prolonged examination of documents and that such examination could not conveniently be made with a jury.

Where a judge found the section 69(1) conditions satisfied he would ordinarily require persuasive reasons to order a mode of trial which he had concluded would be inconvenient.

His Lordship referred to Mr Carman's alternative submission that even if the section 69(1) conditions were satisfied there should none the less be trial by jury because the public would perceive jury trial as the appropriate way of deciding a dispute between a senior public figure, elected by and accountable to the public, and major organs of the news media; that anyone in the plaintiff's position should be tried by a jury because of the public perception that such a trial was superior and that in a case of the present kind that factor was all but conclusive in favour of jury trial.

His Lordship was not sure that public perception was a reliable guide.

Those convinced that the charges made against the plaintiff were true might be tempted to criticise a judicial decision in his favour as a whitewash.

Similarly those convinced that the charges against him were false might criticise the jury's verdict against him as a lottery or the product of incomprehension: a not unfamiliar complaint when a jury returned a surprising or unpopular verdict.

The judge, and in its turn the appellate court, were better advised to concentrate on what would best serve the interests of justice. Given the overall complexity of the case, resulting from the proliferation of issues and sub-issues, the interests of justice were best served by a painstaking, dispassionate, impartial, orderly approach to deciding where the truth lay.

It was important in the interest of the public and of each of the parties that the case should culminate in findings, for or against the plaintiff, on each of the main issues in controversy.

A general verdict of a jury could well leave room for doubt and continuing debate whether, on important and hotly contested issues, the plaintiff or the defendants had been vindicated.

A reasoned judgment giving the judge's conclusions and his detailed reasons for reaching them would by contrast settle, one would hope once and for all, whether or not the plaintiff had misconducted himself in each and every one of the ways charged.

It seemed a serious disadvantage of jury trial that there should be a first trial of liability only immediately followed, if the general verdict were in the plaintiff's favour, by a further trial on quantum.

That would almost certainly lead to the recalling of certain witnesses and to the leading of considerable evidence concerning the aggravation of damages, pleaded here with unusual fullness. That was an exercise which would have to be carried out on the basis of no more than surmise about which of the libels had been found proved.

The interests of justice in the widest sense would be best served by the order made by the judge. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Millett agreed.

Solicitors: Olswangs and Goodman Derrick; Mr Richard Sykes.

Family Division

Lesbian couple can adopt child

In re W (a Minor) (Adoption: Homosexual adopter)

Before Mr Justice Singer

[Judgment April 11]

There was nothing, express or implied, in section 15 of the Adoption Act 1976 to preclude a single person applying to adopt a child even if he or she was cohabiting in a homosexual relationship at the time. While the court should have regard to all the circumstances of each case, the first and overriding consideration was the welfare and best interests of the child.

Mr Justice Singer so held in the Family Division in a reserved judgment handed down in chambers but reported with leave on conditions as to concealing the identity of the parties, on an application by a local authority for an order under section 18 of the Adoption Act 1976 freeing W for adoption.

The natural mother had opposed the order on the ground that the adoption legislation did not, or should not for public policy reasons allow an adoption order to be made in favour of a single woman cohabiting with another woman.

Mrs Sally Cahill for the local authority; Mr Jeremy Posnansky, QC and Mr Roger Bickerdike for the mother; Mrs Joanna Trythall, solicitor, for the guardian ad litem; the father did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE SINGER said that, although it was an application for a freeing order, he had been asked to approach the issues raised on the basis that it was in fact a step to an adoption application, because W, who was the subject of a care order, had been placed some two years previously in the household with a view to ultimate adoption.

W was well settled and thriving and indeed an adoption application had been launched but the mother was now opposing the order sought on the grounds that the adoption legislation did not permit an application from a single woman living in a lesbian relationship; alternatively, that public policy issues dictated that such an order should never be made.

His Lordship said that the words of section 15(1)(a) of the 1976 Act simply provided that "an adoption order may be made on the application of one person where he has attained the age of 21 years and is not married".

There was no hint that a person would be precluded from applying because of circumstances specific to him, such as sexual orientation.

While it was possible that Parliament in 1976 had not contemplated that a single homosexual applicant might apply for and obtain an adoption order, attitudes had changed and it was by no means unknown for children to be placed with homosexual carers whether for fostering or adoption purposes; nor could it be correct to say that, because the only dual application provided for in the 1976 Act was by a married couple, Parliament had never intended to permit adoption by a single cohabiting applicant of whatever sexual orientation.

If there were a gap in the intended construction of the 1976 Act it would be for Parliament and not the courts to close it.

In the reported cases where an issue had arisen concerning adoption by a homosexual appliant, no English court had perceived a public policy issue: see *Re E (Adoption: Freeing order)* ([1995] 1 FLR 382).

The Inner House of the Court of Session in Scotland had held in *T, Petitioner* (*The Times* August 20, 1996) that there was no fundamental objection in principle to the adoption of a young disabled boy by a homosexual man who proposed to bring him up jointly with his male partner, but that the court should have regard to all the circumstances, with the first consideration being given to the welfare and best interests of the child.

For present purposes, the relevant provisions of the English and Scottish legislation were identical.

Accordingly, it was clear that the 1976 Act as it stood permitted an adoption application to be made by a single applicant whether living alone or cohabiting in either a homosexual or heterosexual relationship.

Any other conclusion would be illogical, arbitray and inappropriately discriminatory in a context where the court's duty was to give primary consideration to safeguarding and promoting the child's welfare and best interests.

Commercial time limits must be observed

Practice Direction (Commercial Court: Time estimates for summonses)

Time limits for commercial summonses were to be more strictly observed: where a longer hearing was required than that allowed under existing directions an application must be made to the judge in charge of the Commercial Court list. Separate time estimates had to be submitted for subsequently issued summonses tacked on to the hearing of a summons in the same action.

Mr Justice Colman so stated in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on May 16.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said:

1 The attention of all counsel and solicitors was drawn to the maximum times which would be allotted by the listing officer to different types of summonses.

Those were to be found in *Practice Direction (9)* in Appendix I of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* in *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* (volume 1 paragraph 72/A25 p1280).

If it was anticipated before or after a date had been fixed that there was a material risk that the hearing of a summons might over run the maximum there specified, application for a longer hearing must be made to the judge in charge of the Commercial Court list who must be given in writing by counsel or solicitors an explanation for the need for additional time.

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3 The practice of tacking subsequently issued summonses on to the hearing of a summons in the same action which had already been fixed on the basis that the hearing of the subsequent summonses would not increase the estimate of the time needed for the hearing had increasingly been abused and had thereby disrupted the hearing of summonses.

In future, a separate time estimate must be given for all subsequently issued summonses except where it was certified in writing by solicitors or counsel that:

(i) the determination of the application in the earlier summons would necessarily determine the application in the subsequent summons, for example, where the plaintiff issued an application for judgment under Order 14 and the defendant issued an application for a declaration under Order 14A that the basis of the plaintiff's claim was wrong in law, or

(ii) the matters raised in the subsequent summons were not contested.

Otherwise, subsequently issued summonses would henceforth only be listed for the same hearing if a separate time estimate was provided.

Relevance of mortgage debts to costs orders

Regina v Ghadami

In determining a defendant's realisable property for the purpose of imposing a confiscation order in accordance with Part VI of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 his mortgage debts were not relevant. Such debts were, however, to be taken into account in assessing whether it was appropriate to make an order against the defendant for prosecution costs.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Hooper and Judge Ann Goddard, QC) so stated on April 25 in a reserved judgment allowing in part an appeal by Mohammed Reza Ghadami against sentence, imposed in February 1997 at St Alban's Crown Court (Judge Sennitt) on conviction of two counts of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of value-added tax, of concurrent terms of two years imprisonment, a confiscation order in the sum of £123,280 and prosecution costs of £50,000.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that in deciding to order payment of costs the judge had very much in mind his finding that the appellant had substantial assets, but that finding was only made for the purposes of Part VI of the 1988 Act, which required the judge to disregard most of the appellant's existing liabilities, including in this case his debts to mortgage lenders, in determining his realisable property in respect of the confiscation order.

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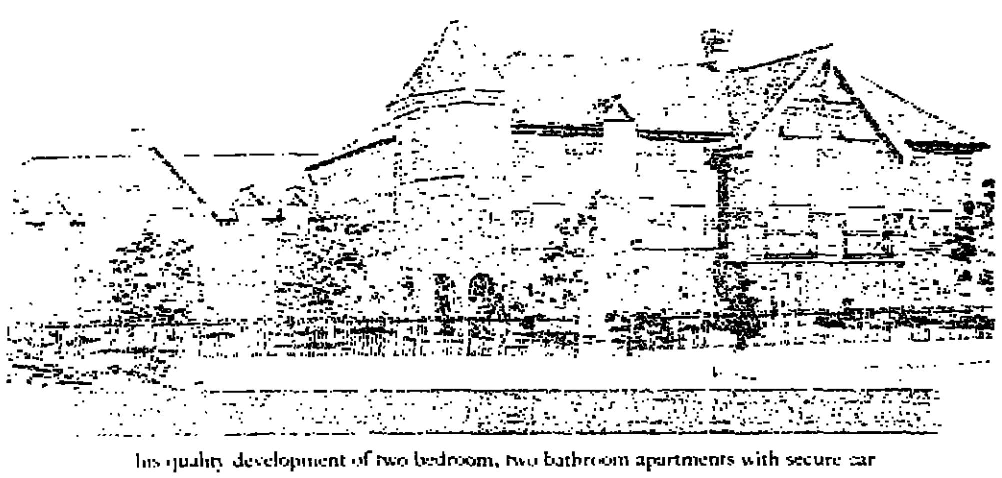

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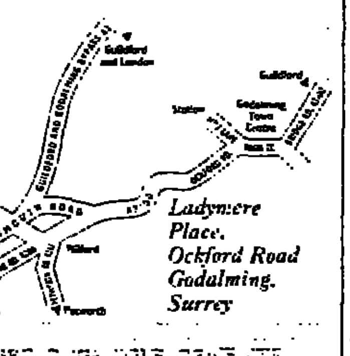

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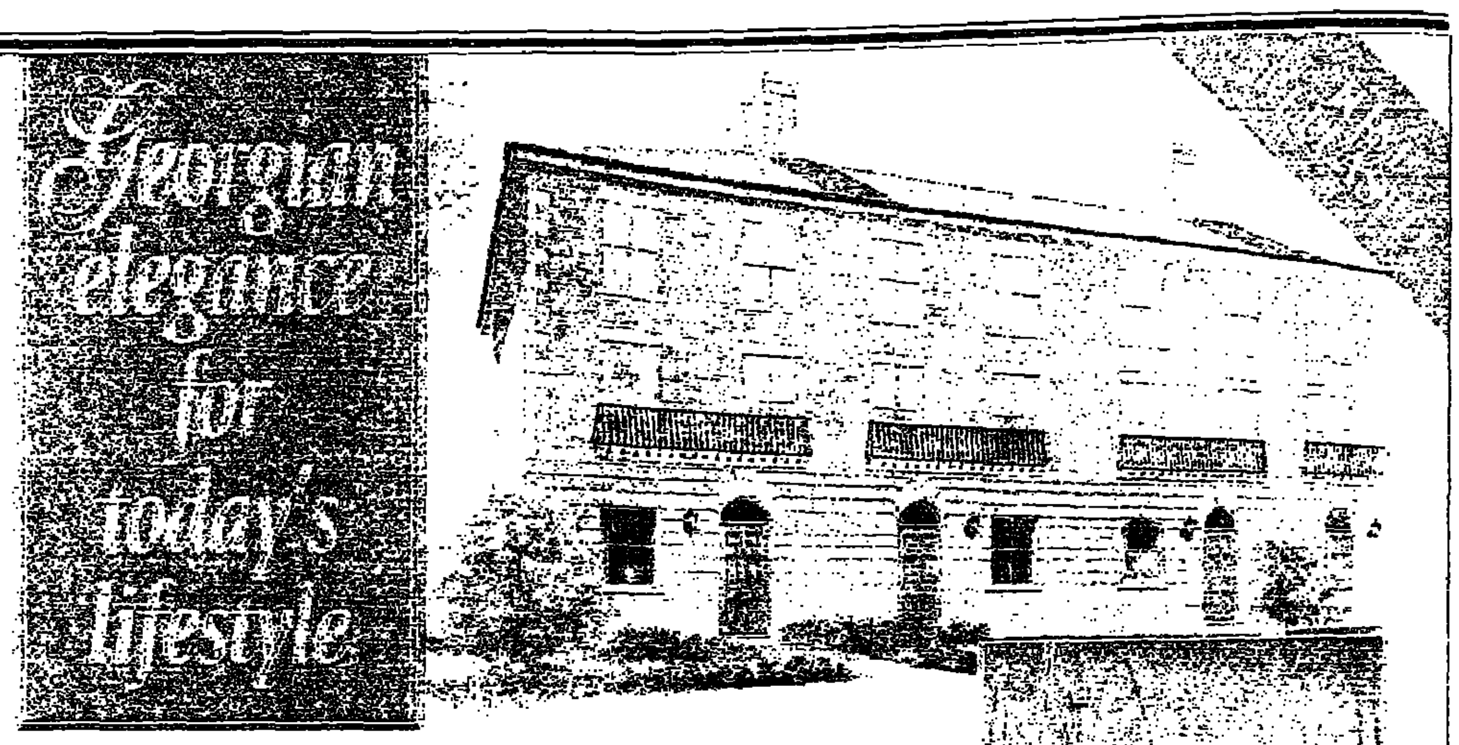

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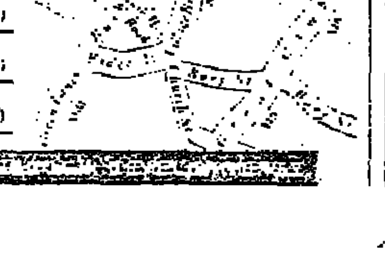

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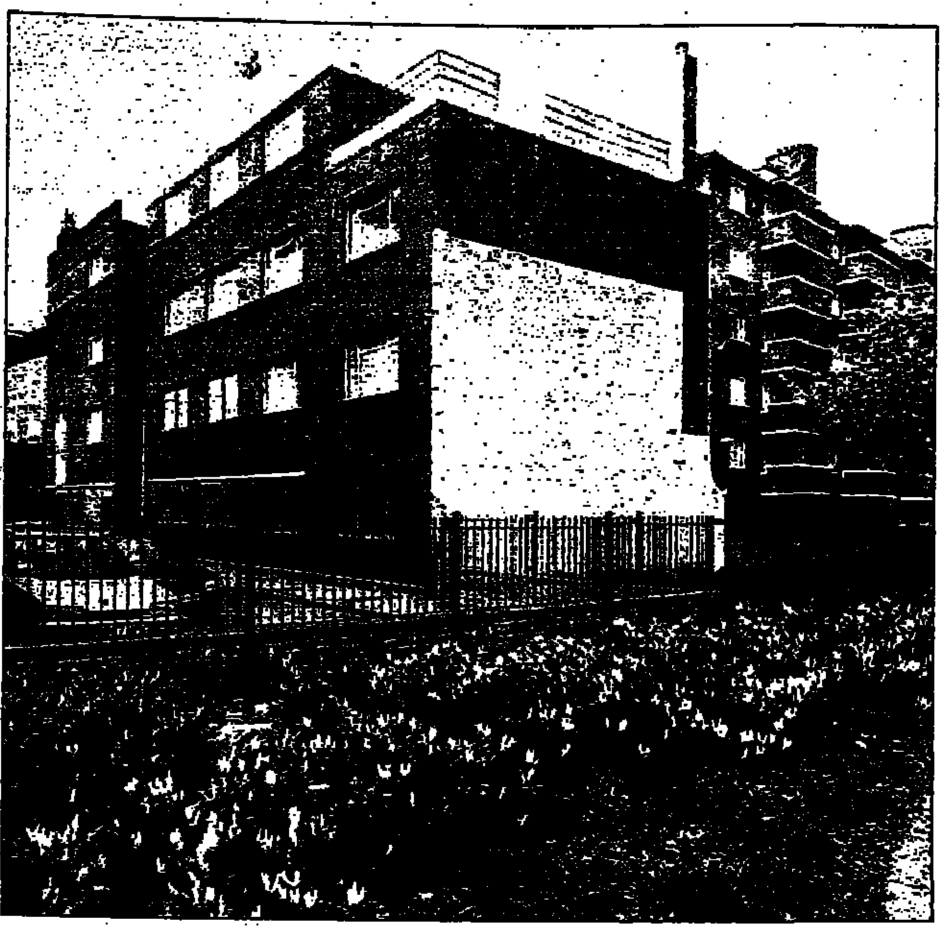

A team of self-builders will renovate Sandhurst House, a derelict block in east London

A housing association is offering a new form of sweat equity: a brave team will soon start renovating a derelict block of flats in east London.

In return for investing their labour in renovating Sandhurst House, a 1950s block of 15 flats in Whitechapel, they will be allocated a flat, will get a 25 per cent stake in its capital value and will be able to rent the other 75 per cent on a shared-ownership basis.

Boleyn & Forest Housing Society is now recruiting the team of self-builders from people on the housing waiting list, local tenants and first-time buyers. They will form the Sidney Street Self-build Association and be given professional guidance and training, the materials they need and a project manager.

The idea is to give the self-builders a boost into the housing market. For, once the flats are finished, the usual housing association shared-ownership rules apply, and they will have the option to buy more shares in their property when they can afford it, a process known as staircasing.

Sandhurst House was occupied by Tower Hamlets council tenants until 18 months ago, when it was designated unsuitable for human habitation.

Stephen Marks, Boleyn & Forest's development manager, says: "The council's long-term view was that the block could not survive unless there was substantial expenditure. The outside painting has gone, the services are defunct, the condition of windows, doors and the interior is poor, and there have been condensation problems.

"We have to strip it back to the brickwork, take out the services and start again. An old concrete staircase will be replaced by a wooden decorative one and a pitched roof will be added to the flat-roofed structure, which may accommodate a 16th — attic — flat.

"The council wanted this block to be fully refurbished, and we concluded that it would be an ideal self-build scheme. So Tower Hamlets sold the building to us for just £50,000, and supported our application to the Housing Corporation for grant aid. We were awarded £275,000, although we think we'll spend £650,000. A mortgage will provide the rest, and will be repaid via the rent we receive."

Once finished, the owner/tenants' 25 per cent will probably be worth £17,500 on an expected valuation of £70,000 for the two-bedroom flats. Mr Marks adds: "It will cost £47,000 a flat, compared with about £44,000 to build the flats new, excluding land costs, but that does not include the costs of demolition."

Not all the self-builders will have relevant skills, so Stephen May, a self-employed plumber who has applied to join the team, should be off to a flying start. "I've done a lot of travelling," he says, "but I'm 30 now and need a stable base. All my work is in Tower Hamlets, and I probably earn enough to rent, but it costs £110 a week for a one-bedroom flat, which is nearly half my wages. I am staying with a friend, but I want somewhere to call my own.

"I can't wait to get started on Sandhurst House, but so far they have only three people. It will be hard work and we'll all give 24 hours a week.

"But I'll stand the pace because I'll be getting something at the end of it. The rent on the bit of my flat that I do not own will be about £50 a week."

Housing associations are increasingly turning to self-build schemes, not only to make their money go further, but also to help the self-builders, many of them unemployed, to learn a useful skill.

Anna McGettigan, director of the Community Self-build Agency, founded to further the concept, says: "We want to make it possible for people to take control of their lives."

More than 400 such homes have been finished by people in housing need since the idea took root in Lewisham, south London, around the start of the 1980s, she says. About 15 projects are under way and about 45 are in the pipeline. Each will provide about ten homes.

Boleyn & Forest made a departure from the practice of other housing associations, whose self-build projects have been based on timber-frame, Walter Segal method homes, by helping people build brick-and-mortar homes at Roffey Street, in the Isle of Dogs. In this scheme of 12 traditionally built houses, which were finished two years ago, a contractor built the shells and the team finished them off.

One member was Jamie Macdonald, 41, an engineering technical support manager, who described his experience. He says: "I joined the scheme because it was extremely difficult to get anywhere decent to live in that area if you didn't have a very good job.

"While we were building, the rest of life stopped. At weekends, we'd often start at 7am and finish at 9pm, and we'd put in two evenings a week, too. Unemployed people were among us, but the minimum requirement was 24 hours a week. Altogether, it took 13 months. In winter it was not pleasant, we worked by temporary lighting powered by generators.

"You are bound to have problems with certain members of the group; we had to drag some of them into adulthood. The one thing everyone was sure of was that no one could move in until all 12 houses were finished, which was just as well because everyone knew which house on the site was theirs, and would go straight to their plot every time they arrived.

"But I ended up with a spacious three-bed semi, with a back garden, and off-street parking which is probably now worth at least £85,000, in which I have 28 per cent equity. I am very pleased with the way my house has turned out. And because our sweat equity is taken off our rent, I pay £220 a month to live here, while I was paying more than that for a one-bed flat before.

"I would do it again for myself, but not in a team. But I'm married now and my wife, Ashling, would probably divorce me if I embarked on another house. While we were building, my social life consisted of just going home to sleep. Luckily, she'd known me for 13 months before we started."

● *Boleyn & Forest Housing Society: 0181-472 2233.*

Paper House: William & Mary Grade II former grace and favour property

English history in the remaking

A house at Hampton Court has been restored and is for sale

Some kind of of fearlessness is needed to restore a William & Mary Grade II listed former grace and favour house in Hampton Court once lived in by Sir Christopher Wren and Capability Brown.

Until a year ago, Neil Wilson, the man who restored it, worked for ten years in the Victorian paintings department at Christie's in St James's, London.

It is perhaps this background that gives him the confidence to renovate for sale a property of such enormous historical interest.

The house was originally recorded as a small Tudor building called Paper House because of its seemingly flimsy timber and plaster walls. Throughout the Stuart period, the house was made more substantial. Its real history begins, however, early in the 18th century when Wren rebuilt it, largely in brick.

In 1706, Wren was granted the house, along with the adjoining Old Court House, as the official residence of the surveyor general of the King's works at Hampton Court. Because Wren argued that the house was, "in much decay and will be very expensive to repair", he was granted a lease of 50 years at a rent of £10 a year by the Crown. Mr Wilson says: "The property remained in the Wren family until the 1750s. After this, Paper House was split up from its neighbour and became the home of the head gardener. In the late 1770s, it was recorded as being in the possession of Capability Brown."

The restoration of the four-bedroom house took a year. The roof was refurbished in accordance with the guidelines that govern listed buildings. Mr Wilson admits that it was "a necessary but irritating thing to do, particularly because no one can see the work".

Then the house was entirely replumbed and rewired and all the sash windows and doors were restored. Cornicing was restored and replaced and the 1960s ironwork in the minstrels' gallery was replaced with an 18th-century-inspired design produced by a local crafts expert. The colours used throughout are genuine 18th-century shades, reproduced by the paint specialists Papers & Paints of Fulham. Mr Wilson, who took a gilding course especially, personally hand-gilded the shutters.

Trompe l'oeil has been used strikingly throughout the house. The dining room floor has been painted by Mary Volk. A chequered pattern representing slate and marble was inspired by the chapel at the palace. She is also responsible for the blocked-stone walls in the hall. Another artist, Clare Baily, painted a mural of heraldic beasts in the drawing room. An enormous but delicate metalwork chandelier, in the shape of a Montgolfier balloon, dominates the hall.

After all his efforts, Mr Wilson will be sorry to sell the house. "Christopher Wren's epitaph in St Paul's Cathedral reads: '*Lector, si monumentum requiris, circumspice* [Reader, if you seek a monument, look around you].'

"That is how I feel about this building."

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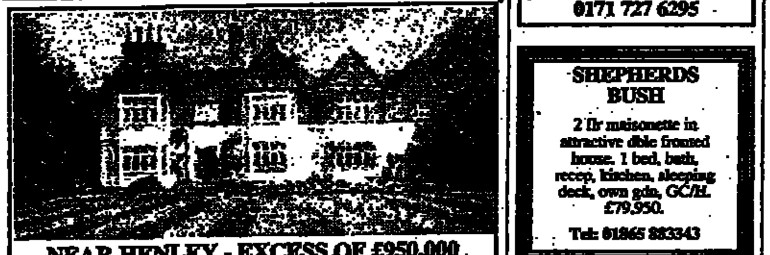

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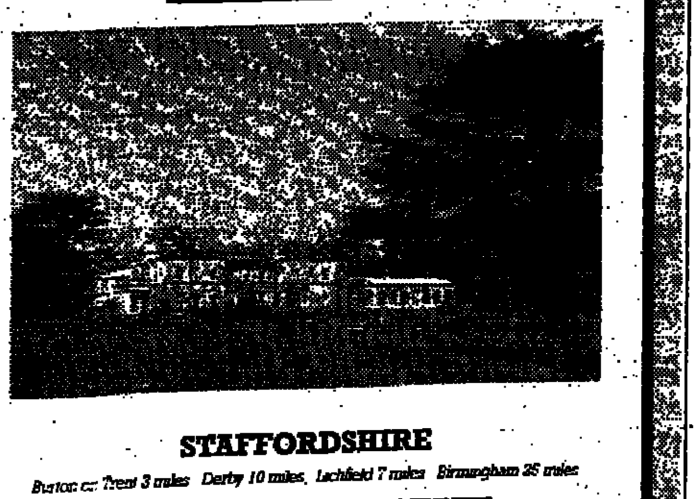

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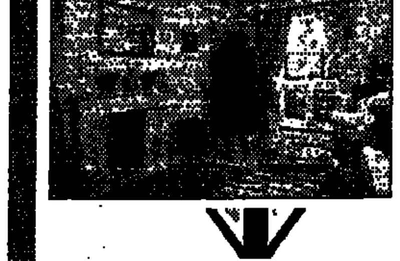

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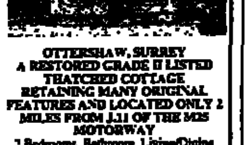

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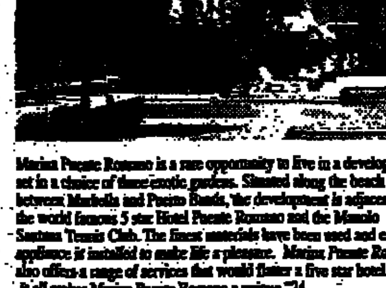

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Monte Carvoeiro	Algarve	August	[illegible]	High	[illegible]	2700
Four Seasons Fairways	Algarve	Aug/Sep	[illegible]	High	[illegible]	4995
Clube Monaco	Algarve	July	[illegible]	High	[illegible]	2295
Elliott Vale Do Lobo	Algarve	May	[illegible]	High	[illegible]	4375
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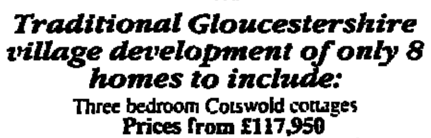

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RACING: DERBY DECISION DELAYED OVER CONVINCING PREDOMINATE STAKES WINNER

Cumani holds fire with Grapeshot

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

GRAPESHOT ran out a convincing winner of the last recognised Derby trial at Goodwood yesterday — but may sidestep Epsom because of the Entrepreneur factor.

"I do rather take the view that this year's Derby is a two-horse race with Entrepreneur in front and Revoque chasing him." Luca Cumani, trainer of the winner, said after the Westminster Taxi Insurance Predominate Stakes. "In a normal year I would say let's go to Epsom; he's won his trial very well and looks as though he stays. But in a year like this, when the first two spots are not available to you, we may have to think again.

Grapeshot is in the Irish and French Derbys and Cumani was encouraged by the 3½ lengths which separated the winner from third-placed Shii-Take, who finished seventh in the 2,000 Guineas. "It means we may not be too far behind the likes of Poteen and Revoque, which gives us a chance of winning a group one race."

Logic supports Cumani's argument. Although there was much to admire in the way the Craven Stakes runner-up comprehensively outpointed his five rivals yesterday, the performance served only to underline the strength of the 2,000 Guineas form in which Entrepreneur beat Revoque.

However, whether that will be sufficient to persuade Grapeshot's enthusiastic syndicate — comprising Earl De La Warr, Lord Alexander Hope, Gerald Leigh, Khaled Abdulla, Sarah von Halle, Michael Kerr-Dineen and Bob Goldhammer — to forego a crack at the Epsom classic, only time will tell.

Significantly, John Reid, the rider of Grapeshot and normal partner of Revoque, is far from convinced the Derby is a two-horse affair. "It often doesn't go the way the script is written. If it did there would be no bookmakers and no sport. It is very unusual to hear people predicting that the first and second in one race will fill the same places in another, especially when they are both classics. It doesn't usually go by the book.

"I was very pleased with Grapeshot. He settles so he'll get the trip at Epsom. He's also a real trier. He would be a good ride for any jockey as he travels well and has got good speed," the jockey, who achieved a 70-1 treble, made up by Captain Collins and Gold Spats, added.

With more rain forecast in the weeks ahead, the chances of a soft-ground Derby, a fortnight on Saturday, must be close to the evens being offered against Entrepreneur. A mile and a half at Epsom offers a searching stamina test, especially when the mud is flying, and makes upsets more likely.

Grapeshot, who is now a best-priced 20-1 with William Hill for the Derby, has shown soft going holds no terrors for him and he should stay — which is more than can be said of some Derby hopefuls.

It will be surprised if Revoque stays a truly run mile and a half and, after weekend speculation as to his next engagement, Peter Chapple-Hyam announced yesterday that the Robert Sangster-owned colt will line up for the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Sunday — before being aimed at Epsom.

Romanov, representing the same owner-trainer combination, has also been entered for the Irish classic but is more likely to run in the Heron Stakes at Kempton on Saturday. "They both worked very well this morning and I am pleased with both of them," Chapple-Hyam reported yesterday.

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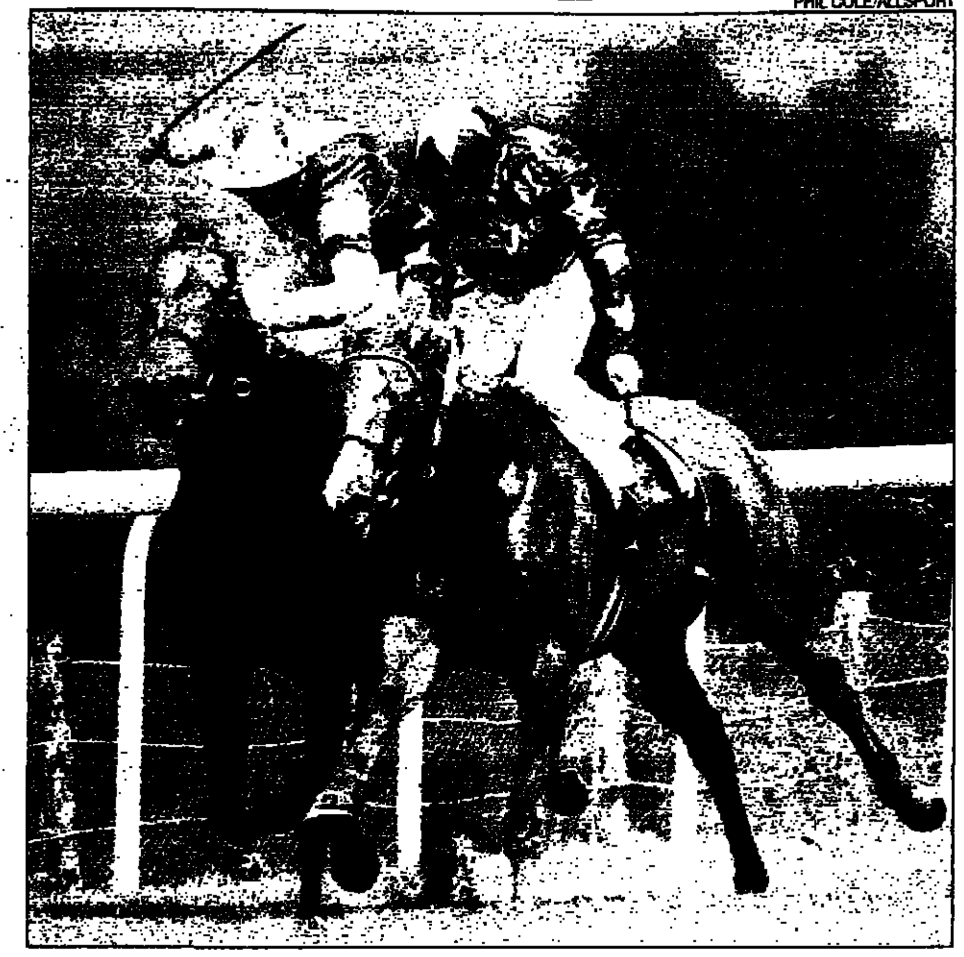

Wasp Ranger, left, fends off the challenge of Selfish at Goodwood yesterday

Sir Joey ready to make his mark

GOODWOOD

BBC2

2.40: Several of the runners here will be unsuited by the soft going. Charlie Sillett, by contrast, is a proven mudlark and, although he has shown little this term, his trainer, Barry Hills, has his team in good form. The consistent **Sir Joey** is the percentage call, however, as he invariably runs well at this course, acts on soft ground and ran a cracker when runner-up to Perryston View at Newmarket last time. Four runners from that hotly contested handicap have won since.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BEA'S RUBY
(4.30 Ayr)
Next best: Male-Ana-Mou
(3.40 Goodwood)

3.10: A race to avoid for betting purposes with uncertainties over ground and trip preferences for these lightly raced fillies. The talented but troublesome Meshhed, who kicked Willie Carson at Newbury last year, is the form choice on his efforts last year, but unproven on this surface. Preference is for **Dust Dancer**, who won a Leicester maiden in taking style and should appreciate this trip.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.40: Rokeby Bowl is well handicapped and should appreciate the step up in trip, but he has shown best form on firm ground. Snow Princess disappointed at Chester two weeks ago, but has going and trip in her favour. Air Quest, considered a Derby hope last year, makes his handicap debut and will relish the mud. However, I prefer **Male-Ana-Mou**, from the in-form David Elsworth yard, who won here last year and showed himself better than ever behind King Alex at Bath recently.

Richard Evans

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 St Radegund
2.40 **PURPLE FLING** (nap)
3.10 Meshhed
3.40 General Assembly
4.10 Orange Place
4.45 Shadow Of Doubt

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Alcalali. 3.10 **MESHHED** (nap). 3.40 General Assembly.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
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2.10 METSA-SERLA PAPERBOARD LTD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,527: 7f) (17 runners)

101	(4)	026	ALCALALI [illegible]	K Darley	98
102	(11)	20-3	ALIKHLAS 19 (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11	R Hills	95
103	(8)	05	ANCHORED IN LOVE 15 (G Howard-Spink) R Charlton 8-11	T Sprake	85
104	(16)	0-5	BLUE LAMP 10 (Mrs B Sims) M Jarvis 8-11	R Cochrane	80
105	(7)	00-	BLUEYGREEN 200 (Bloomsbury Stud) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	—
106	(12)	0-0	CHEEK TO CHEEK 22 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11	A Clark	72
107	(6)		CHINABERRY (M al-Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	—
108	(17)	0-	DOYELLA 200 (S Manana) D Loder 8-11	L Dettori	84
109	(1)	0-0	FLYING COLOURS 12 (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 8-11	A McGlone	—
110	(15)	5	KHAWAR 19 (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-11	K Fallon	82
111	(14)	00	MAMMA LUIGI 16 (M Castillo) G Lewis 8-11	J Daniels (7)	—
112	(2)		MARISA'S PET (City Slickers) G Lewis 8-11	A Whelan (3)	—
113	(13)	6-	REGAL ACADEMY 253 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-11	Paul Eddery	72
114	(10)	43	SCEPTRE LADY 14 (BF) (Sceptre Racing) B Hills 8-11	D Holland	[illegible]
115	(9)	65-	SENORITA MATILDA 315 (J Smith) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	88
116	(3)	0	ST RADEGUND 33 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	80
117	(5)	0-	WINTERED OUT 215 (C Pennick) G L Moore 8-11	M Wigham	—

BETTING: 5-2 Alcalali, 7-2 Alikhlas, 7-1 Sceptre Lady, 8-1 Khawar, 10-1 Doyella, St Radegund, 12-1 Senorita Matilda, 16-1 others.

1996: POETRY 8-11 P Robinson (12-1) M Tompkins 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALCALALI about 22l 6th of 10 to Reams Of Verse in group III Musidora Stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good)
ALIKHLAS about ¾l 3rd of 9 to Jata in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) with KHAWAR 6¾l 5th. DOYELLA 7l 9th of 23 to Palisade in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) with BLUEYGREEN 7l 19th. Nov 95
REGAL ACADEMY about 6l 6th of 12 to Indihash in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm), Sep 96. SCEPTRE LADY 5l 4th of 19 to Kool Kat Katie in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm) with ANCHORED IN LOVE 7l 9th, ST RADEGUND 2l 10th and MAMMA LUIGI 23l 17th.
WINTERED OUT about 12l 14th to Baked Alaska in 22-runner maiden at Newmarket last October (6f, good to firm).
Selection: ALIKHLAS

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H Cecil	15	74	20.3	T Quinn	42	255	16.5
B Hanbury	6	33	18.2	Dane O'Neill	12	77	15.6
G Wragg	6	34	17.6	J Reid	29	214	13.6
R Charlton	9	56	16.1	R Cochrane	17	129	13.2
W Hern	6	38	15.8	K Darley	9	68	13.2
L Cottrell	5	32	15.6	D Griffiths	3	23	13.0
L Cumani	11	72	15.3	M Hills	14	115	12.2

TODAY'S OTHER MEETINGS: Newton Abbot (National Hunt, 6.10 - 8.40); Uttoxeter (National Hunt, 6.25 - 8.55).

2.40 MARRIOTT GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL HANDICAP
BBC2
(£7,960: 6f) (20 runners)

201	(9)	043-05	MONTENDRE 16 (D,F,G) (D Mort) R Hodges 10-10-0	J Reid	96
202	(10)	50000-	HARD TO FIGURE 165 (D,F,G,S) (J Mansell) R Hodges 11-9-12	Amanda Sanders (5)	98
203	(17)	153/0	VARNISHING DAY 51 (G) (Mrs J C-Hyam) P Chapple-Hyam 5-9-11	S Whitworth	—
204	(1)	54-000	WARNING TIME 18 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) B Meehan 4-9-10	R Hughes	90
205	(5)	12600-	DOUBLE BOUNCE 235 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) P Makin 7-9-10	D Holland	94
206	(15)	00/6-0	MASTER PLANNER 18 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9-6	R French (5)	—
207	(11)	262800	BOLD EFFORT 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-6	B Doyle	96
208	(18)	0-3255	SEA-DEER 18 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 8-9-6	L Dettori	96
209	(16)	006-03	BOWDEN ROSE 13 (B,D,F,G) (G Bailey) M Blanshard 5-9-5	J Quinn	[illegible]
210	(2)	3266-5	MARL 51 (G) (E Pader) R Akehurst 4-9-5	T Quinn	95
211	(14)	412-00	DANETIME 19 (D,G) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 3-9-4	Paul Eddery	90
212	(12)	0-0002	SIR JOEY 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 8-9-4	K Fallon	95
213	(7)	0360-3	FOR THE PRESENT 32 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 7-9-4	DOUBTFUL	97
214	(4)	10-000	CHARLIE SILLETT 8 (D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 5-9-3	M Hills	95
215	(6)	301-10	OGGI 18 (D,F,G,S) (Skyline Racing) P Makin 6-9-0	R Cochrane	97
216	(8)	0-0002	KILDEE LAD 10 (C,D,F,G) (J O'Donovan) A P Jones 7-8-12	T Sprake	94
217	(3)	5200-0	INDIAN RELATIVE 18 (D,F) (V Mallya) R Guest 4-8-9	D Griffiths (3)	95
218	(19)	321231	APOLLO RED 15 (D,F,G,S) (A Moore) G L Moore 8-8-8	Candy Morris	98
219	(13)	014-46	PURPLE FLING 47 (D,BF,F,G,S) (S Mounsey) L Cottrell 6-8-5	S Sanders	92
220	(20)	/0600-	AKALIM 319 (D,F,G) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-8-1	A Whelan (3)	95

BETTING: 13-2 Sir Joey, 7-1 Sea-Deer, Charlie Sillett, 8-1 Double Bounce, 9-1 Bowden Rose, 12-1 Marl, Kildee Lad, Purple Fling, 14-1 Indian Relative, Varnishing Day, Danetime, 20-1 others.

1996: MONTSERRAT 4-8-7 M Fenton (5-1 jt-fav) L Cottrell 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA-DEER about 1l 5th of 20 to Repertory in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm) with SIR JOEY 3¼l 8th, BOWDEN ROSE (4lb better off) 3l 10th, WARNING TIME (6lb better off) 2½l 13th and BOLD EFFORT (3lb better off) 2l 15th. BOWDEN ROSE 10l 3rd of 9 to Surprise Mission in handicap at Chester (5f, heavy). MARL 3¼l 3rd of 21 to Options Open in handicap at York (6f, good) with DOUBLE BOUNCE (1lb better off) about 2l 6th. Aug 96. SIR JOEY ½l 2nd of 29 to Perryston View in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) with SEA-DEER (3lb better off) about ½l 5th, OGGI (5lb better off) 3l 10th, WARNING TIME (5lb better off) 4½l 21st, INDIAN RELATIVE (5lb better off) 1¼l 26th and MASTER PLANNER (6lb better off) 27th. FOR THE PRESENT about 1¾l 3rd of 20 to Surprise Mission in handicap at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). APOLLO RED beat Justinianus 1¾l in 17-runner handicap at Brighton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: SIR JOEY (nap)

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT LUPE STAKES
BBC2
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £17,610: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

301	(2)	66-5	DUNDEL 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	73
302	(3)	53-1	DUST DANCER 55 (F) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-8	T Quinn	84
303	(7)	0	KEYBOOGIE 33 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-8	J Reid	80
304	(8)	00-205	LYCILITY 11 (B,F) (S Manana) C Brittain 8-8	B Doyle	[illegible]
305	(6)	61	MAID OF CAMELOT 22 (D,F) (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 8-8	T Sprake	84
306	(4)	21-	MESHHED 216 (F) (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 8-8	R Hills	89
307	(1)	1-	PRIENA 236 (F) (Cuadra Africa) D Loder 8-8	K Darley	87
308	(5)	02-U1	SHOUK 16 (S) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 8-8	DOUBTFUL	80

BETTING: 3-1 Meshhed, 7-2 Priena, 5-1 Dust Dancer, 7-1 Lycility, Maid Of Camelot, 10-1 Dundel, 16-1 Keyboogie.

1996: WHITEWATER AFFAIR 8-8 R Cochrane (4-1 fav) M Stoute 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUST DANCER beat Heavenly Ray ¾l in 8-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). KEYBOOGIE 9l 7th of 19 to Kool Kat Katie in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm). LYCILITY 1½l 2nd of 8 to Calypso Grant in listed race at Kempton (1m, good). MAID OF CAMELOT beat Natural Eight ¾l in 11-runner maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). MESHHED beat Nawasib 3½l in 7-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, good to firm), Oct 96. PRIENA beat Pretty Sharp 7l in 8-runner auction maiden at Redcar (7f, firm), Sep 95.
Selection: MESHHED

3.40 ABN AMRO RATED HANDICAP
BBC2
(£9,455: 1m 6f) (9 runners)

401	(7)	1100-0	JIYUSH 21 (D,F,G) (H al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-7	R Hills	92
402	(5)	15-0	AIR QUEST 32 (G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-6	K Darley	89
403	(6)	3201-0	ROYAL SCIMITAR 17 (F,G,S) (Highway Systems) Mrs A Perrett 5-9-5	A Clark	94
404	(8)	0314-0	SNOW PRINCESS 14 (F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-4	J Reid	91
405	(3)	25444-	BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE 151J (D,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 6-9-2	T Quinn	90
406	(1)	01160-	BENATOM 215 (CD,F,G) (T Harris) H Cecil 4-9-2	W Ryan	90
407	(2)	3241/5	GENERAL ASSEMBLY 17 (S) (F Salman) H Cecil 5-9-0	K Fallon	97
408	(4)	0000-3	MALE-ANA-MOU 10 (C,F) (Oh So Bright Syndicate) D Elsworth 4-8-13	Dane O'Neill	[illegible]
409	(9)	345-33	ROKEBY BOWL 17 (BF,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-8-11	L Dettori	98

BETTING: 4-1 Rokeby Bowl, 9-2 General Assembly, 5-1 Benatom, 7-1 Jiyush, Snow Princess, Bahamian Sunshine, 8-1 Royal Scimitar, 12-1 others.

1996: PRUSSIAN BLUE 4-9-2 W Ryan (4-1) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

AIR QUEST 11¾l 5th of 6 to High Baroque in the group III Chester Vase at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good). May 96
ROYAL SCIMITAR beat Leonato 1¾l in 9-runner listed handicap at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good to soft) with SNOW PRINCESS (1lb worse off) neck 3rd. Aug 96. BAHAMIAN SUNSHINE about 2½l 4th of 10 to Admiral's Well in the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot (2m 6f, good to firm). June 96. BENATOM beat Mental Pressure 1¾l in 11-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) Aug 96. MALE-ANA-MOU 5½l 3rd of 5 to King Alex in conditions stakes at Bath (1m 3f 144yd good). ROKEBY BOWL 1¼l 3rd of 13 to Valedictory in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) with GENERAL ASSEMBLY about 2l 5th and ROYAL SCIMITAR 11½l 9th.
Selection: ROKEBY BOWL

4.10 NPI RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT HANDICAP
(£5,726: 1m) (18 runners)

501	(8)	3100-0	SUE'S RETURN 13 (D,F,S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 5-10-0	W J O'Connor	97
502	(18)	50000-	TREMPLIN 200 (S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 5-9-11	R Hughes	96
503	(6)	100-03	ORANGE PLACE 13 (C,G,S) (G Arches) T Naughton 6-9-11	T Quinn	98
504	(10)	36-002	BANZHAF 12 (D,G) (B Pennock) G L Moore 4-9-6	K Fallon	[illegible]
505	(13)	5320-0	OBERON'S DART 13 (G) (P Wragg) P Makin 4-9-6	D Holland	95
506	(9)	002-13	HURTLEBERRY 81 (F,G) (Mrs I Pilkington) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-6	L Dettori	97
507	(3)	2-06	JUDICIAL SUPREMACY 17 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 3-9-4	M Hills	97
508	(11)	001-0	ORTELIUS 25 (G) (I Wight) R Hannon 3-9-1	Dane O'Neill	88
509	(16)	0-05	KHAFAAQ 16 (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-0	R Hills	96
510	(15)	21213-	THATCHMASTER 250 (C,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-8-9	Paul Eddery	95
511	(2)	0-5106	REGAL SPLENDOUR 30 (D,G) (Miss S Jones) R O'Sullivan 4-8-9	K Darley	98
512	(14)	0-0465	SUPERIOR FORCE 78 (D,F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 4-8-8	S Sanders	95
513	(17)	30000	CONFRONTER 16 (D,G,S) (Hatfield Limited) S Dow 8-8-7	R Perham	98
514	(4)	/6000	WARREN KNIGHT 244 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-8-5	M Fenton	93
515	(1)	0225-0	COASTGUARDS HERO 16 (G) (Bognor Regis Coastguards) M Usher 4-8-5	J Quinn	93
516	(12)	00000-	MOI CANARD 195 (F,G) (R Gray) B Pearce 4-8-2	Martin Dwyer (3)	95
517	(5)	3656-0	MR ROUGH 15 (CD,F) (R Akehurst) D Morris 6-8-1	N Day	97
518	(7)	4000-0	JAAZIM 30 (G) (D Knight) M Madgwick 7-7-10	N Varley	90

Long handicap: Jaazim 7-6

BETTING: 5-1 Hurtleberry, 6-1 Orange Place, Thatchmaster, 8-1 Banzhaf, Judicial Supremacy, 10-1 Khafaaq, 12-1 Regal Splendour, 16-1 others

1996: YOUNG BUTT 3-7-8 M Henry (33-1) J Ffitch-Heyes 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ORANGE PLACE 5l 3rd of 18 to Albert The Bear in handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, heavy) with SUE'S RETURN and OBERON'S DART both tailed off. BANZHAF head 2nd of 12 to Pengamon in handicap at Lingfield (1m, AW). HURTLEBERRY beat Barrel Of Hope 4l in 6-runner limited stakes at Lingfield (7f, AW), Jan 97. JUDICIAL SUPREMACY short-head 2nd of 9 to Courtship in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm), Oct 96. ORTELIUS beat Prince Of Denial neck in 10-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good), Oct 96. THATCHMASTER beat Pat's Splendour 1¾l in 19-runner claiming handicap here (1m 2f, good) Aug 96
Selection: THATCHMASTER

4.45 E B F EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,542: 6f) (9 runners)

601	(1)		ARGUMENTATIVE (T Mountain) S Dow 9-0	R Perham	—
602	(7)	2	ARPEGGIO 34 (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 9-0	L Dettori	[illegible]
603	(9)	06	BASIC STYLE 12 (M Moore) N Callaghan 9-0	K Fallon	—
604	(4)		CAROUSE (J Carey) M Channon 9-0	T Quinn	—
605	(6)		INDIAN MISSILE (K Alsayegh) J Dunlop 9-0	R Hills	—
606	(2)		SHADOW OF DOUBT (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	—
607	(3)		SASSY (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-9	W J O'Connor	—
608	(5)		SOLO SPIRIT (Mrs I Hampson) J Jenkins 8-9	R Ffrench (5)	—
609	(8)		SUPACALIFRAGILISTIK (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-9	B Doyle	—

BETTING. 2-1 Arpeggio, 3-4 Shadow Of Doubt, 4-1 Indian Missile, 10-1 Carouse, 12-1 Supacalifragilistik, 20-1 others.

1996. FALKENHAM 9-0 T Quinn (4-1) P Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARGUMENTATIVE (foaled Mar 1, cost 23,000gns) fourth foal, dam 1m winner at three years. ARPEGGIO (Feb 22, 30,000gns) half-brother to 1m 5f all-weather bumper winner Harry The Cab; dam juvenile 6f listed winner and placed in the Cherry Hinton Stakes. BASIC STYLE about 11¾l 6th of 9 to Prince Foley in novice stakes at Lingfield (5f, good). CAROUSE (Feb 23, 23,000gns) half-brother to Broken Stream, 5f juvenile winner, later won 3 races at three and four years abroad and Clincher Club, 5f juvenile winner, later successful over 7f at three years; dam 6f juvenile winner. INDIAN MISSILE (Apr 6, 66,000gns) half-brother to several winners in Ireland and Germany including Park Charger, useful 1m-1m 2f winner at three years in Ireland; dam, sister to smart French juvenile Harifa, 1m winner in France
SHADOW OF DOUBT (Jan 25, 65,000gns) half-brother to several winners including 5½l to 7f winner Maggie Siddons and 5f juvenile winner Night Duty; dam 1m ½f winner in France
Selection: SHADOW OF DOUBT

☐ Singspiel heads the 21 acceptors published yesterday for the Vodafone Coronation Cup at Epsom next month. The Michael Stoute-trained colt is to return to action in the contest on June 6 after his victory in the Dubai World Cup in March. Helissio, last year's Arc winner, has been withdrawn.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to soft

2.10 (1m) 1, **Wasp Ranger** (T Quinn, 13-2); 2, Selfish (11-10 fav); 3, Star Invader (11-8). 4 ran. Nk, 5l. P Cole. Tote: £5.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £12.80.

2.40 (7f) 1, **Captain Collins** (J Reid, 9-2); 2, Zarma (6-1); 3, Just Nick (11-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Assume, Papita. Sh hd, 4l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £5.20; £2.70, £2.90. DF: £20.60. Trio: £16.20. CSF: £26.12. Tricast: £73.34. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

3.10 (5f) 1, **Diligence** (T Quinn, Evens fav); 2, Shegardi (5-2); 3, Taalluf (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Ron's Pet. ¾l, 7l. P Cole. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.56.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, **Grapeshot** (J Reid, 2-1 fav, **Richard Evans's nap**); 2, Running Stag (12-1); 3, Shii-Take (9-2). 6 ran. 2½l, 1l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £4.70. DF: £16.60. CSF: £22.29.

4.10 (1m) 1, **Gold Spats** (J Reid, 100-30 fav, **Newmarket Correspondent's nap**); 2, Sharp Shuffle (10-1); 3, Orsay (8-1). 11 ran. 2l, 1¼l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.90; £2.40, £2.90, £2.20. DF: £32.70. Trio: £96.10. CSF: £34.93. Tricast: £235.11.

4.45 (6f) 1, **Monaassib** (D O Donohoe, 6-5 fav); 2, Jayannpee (5-1); 3, Crowded Avenue (7-2). 5 ran. Hd, 5l. E Dunlop. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.20.

Jackpot: £528.20.

Placepot: £188.70. **Quadpot: £5.40.**

Beverley

Going: good to soft

2.25 (5f) 1, **Royal Dream** (P Fessey, 2-1 fav); 2, Hopefully (5-2); 3, Miss Beveled (5-1). 9 ran. 6l, 1¾l. J Berry. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £1.10, £1.90. DF: £4.80. Trio: £5.70. CSF: £6.62. Bought in 8,400gns.

2.55 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, **Lindrick Lady** (M Fenton, 6-1); 2, As-Is (10-1); 3, Alagna (12-1). Lady Of The Lake 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 1l, 4l. B Rothwell. Tote: £5.80; £2.40, £2.80, £4.40. DF: £27.10. Trio: £166.30. CSF: £58.98. Tricast: £664.22.

3.25 (1m 100yd) 1, **Jack The Lad** (R Ffrench, 11-4 fav); 2, Kala Sunrise (9-2); 3, High Premium (7-2). 9 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Hetherton. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £3.60, £1.80. DF: £15.60. Trio: £17.40. CSF: £15.73. Tricast: £43.46.

3.55 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, **Step N Go** (W Ryan, 6-4 fav); 2, Can Can Lady (9-2); 3, Eponine (20-1). 8 ran. 3½l, sh hd. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.10, £4.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.71. Tricast: £81.15.

4.25 (7f 100yd) 1, **Raaha** (G Carter, 9-1); 2, Woodbeck (9-1); 3, Round Robin (9-1). Shawm 1-3 fav. 6 ran. NR: Party Romance. Van Chino. 1¾l, 4l. R Armstrong. Tote: £6.00; £1.80, £4.00. DF: £43.60. CSF: £75.08.

5.00 (5f) 1, **Ya Malak** (Alex Greaves, 3-1); 2, Tadeo (13-8 fav); 3, Daawe (8-1). 5 ran. 2l, 1¾l. D Nicholls. Tote: £3.00; £2.20, £1.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.85.

Placepot: £163.00. **Quadpot: £45.80.**

£1.70, £1.60. DF: £4.40. Trio: £7.90. CSF: £7.59.

7.15 (5f 10yd) 1, **Bramble Bear** (J Quinn, 16-1); 2, Chili Concerto (9-1); 3, Lamarita (9-1). Mangus 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. M Blanshard. Tote: £28.10; £5.20, £2.00, £4.00. DF: £170.30. Trio: £258.30. CSF: £125.20. Tricast: £1,143.93.

7.45 (5f 10yd) 1, **Going Places** (Martin Dwyer, 6-1); 2, High Gain (9-1); 3, Summer Deal (1-2 fav). 5 ran. 1l, nk. R Ivory. Tote: £6.00; £1.70, £2.60. DF: £16.30. CSF: £46.48.

8.15 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, **Heart Of Armor** (Dane O'Neill, 14-1); 2, Regal Reprimand (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Herbshan Dancer (12-1). Pennys From Heaven 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. P Cole. Tote: £16.50; £2.90. CSF: £50.23. Tricast: £491.07. Trio: £53.30.

8.45 (1m 67yd) 1, **Green Power** (D Harrison, 9-4 fav); 2, Boss Lady (6-1); 3, Keen Companion (50-1). 16 ran. NR: Another Night, Compromise. ¾l, 4l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.70, £9.90. DF: £13.90. Trio: £165.80. CSF: £14.88.

Placepot: £498.00. **Quadpot: £94.60.**

Musselburgh

Going: good to soft

7.00 (1m 4f) 1, **The Butterwick Kid** (R Winston, 2-1 fav); 2, Kathryn's Pet (6-1); 3, Ambidextrous (9-1). 11 ran. 2l, 1¾l. R Fahey. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £5.20. Trio: £26.80. CSF: £11.99. Tricast: £81.76.

7.30 (1m 4f) 1, **Rheinbold** (G Carter, 6-4; **Thunderer's nap**); 2, High On Life (11-10 fav); 3, In The Genes (5-1). 5 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. T Etherington. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.26.

8.00 (1m) 1, **Power Game** (G Carter, 5-6 fav); 2, Diamond Crown (3-1); 3, She's A Winner (9-4). 3 ran. NR: Dictation, Flagstaff, Northern Fan. 5l, 1¾l. J Berry. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.29.

8.30 (1m) 1, **Tycoon Tina** (J Bramhill, 10-1); 2, Samspet (4-1); 3, Polanze (7-2). Shaded 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 4l. W Brisbourne. Tote: £11.70; £1.50, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £29.20. Trio: £10.60. CSF: £45.59. Tricast: £156.10.

9.00 (7f 30yd) 1, **Miss Pigalle** (N Kennedy, 25-1); 2, Brochune Gold (4-1); 3, Rymer's Rascal (6-1). La Dolce Vita 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Ragtime Cowgirl. ¾l, 2½l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £40.90; £8.30, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £22.20. Trio: £137.70. CSF: £110.27. Tricast: £508.97.

Placepot: £17.60. **Quadpot: £9.00.**

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going: good to soft

6.45 (5f 10yd) 1, **Carrowkeel** (M Hills, 9-4 fav); 2, Jilted (5-2); 3, Al's Fella (11-2). 11 ran. 2½l, 4l. B Hills. Tote: £4.20; £1.70

RAPID RACELINE
0930 168+
	COMMENTARY	RESULTS
GOODWOOD	101	201
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UTTOXETER	104	204
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THUNDERER

2.30 One Singer. 3.00 Just Bob. 3.30 Italian Symphony. 4.00 Keep Battling. *4.30 Right Tune.* 5.05 Magic Lake.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 ONE SINGER.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 EBF AYR MAY NOVICE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,220: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(6)	11	ONE SINGER 9 (G,D) M Johnston 9-2	J Weaver	[illegible]
2	(7)	126	RISKY WHISKY 34 (D,S) J Berry 9-2	G Carter	85
3	(4)	1	VICE PRESIDENTIAL 13 (D,S) T Etherington 9-2	J Carroll	92
4	(3)	2142	HEAVENLY ABSTONE 15 (V,D,F) P Evans 8-9	J F Egan	94
5	(2)	0	LINNETSONG 23 S Oldroyd 8-7	R Fanner (7)	—
6	(5)		SELKIRK ROSE Miss L Perratt 8-7	O Urbina	—
7	(1)	0	SOLO SONG 17 D Nolan 8-7	J Bramhill (5)	—

13-8 Vice Presidential, 5-2 One Singer, 3-1 Heavenly Abstone, 6-1 Risky Whisky, 16-1 Selkirk Rose, 20-1 others.

3.00 BALLANTRAE HANDICAP (£3,066: 5f) (9)

1	(3)	-002	JUST BOB 4 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-10-0	J Stack	[illegible]
2	(6)	5634	PALACEGATE JACK 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 6-10-0	P Roberts (5)	98
3	(8)	-000	CROSS THE BORDER 32 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-5	Alex Greaves	90
4	(1)	4001	GORETSKI 4 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 4-8-12	P Fredericks (7)	94
5	(9)	00-0	KING OF SHOW 17 (CD,F) R Allan 6-8-10	G Duffield	92
6	(7)	0510	LEADING PRINCESS 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-8-10	O Urbina	95
7	(5)	0000	RICH GLOW 11 (CD,F,S) N Bycroft 6-8-4	S Drowne	96
8	(4)	0-30	READY TEDDY 13 Miss L Perratt 4-8-3	J Carroll	94
9	(2)	000-	LORD CORNELIOUS 286 D Nolan 4-7-10	J Bramhill (5)	80

3-1 Goretski, 7-2 Just Bob, 11-2 Palacegate Jack, Cross The Border, 6-1 Leading Princess, 10-1 King Of Show, Ready Teddy, 12-1 others.

3.30 FENWICK MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,612: 1m 2f) (4)

1	(3)	5200	NUKUD 20 (B) G Oldroyd 5-9-2	G Duffield	78
2	(1)	5528	GOOD DAY 13 (B) C Thornton 3-8-12	D McKeown	82
3	(2)	08	GUARD A DREAM 11 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-10	A Culhane	—
4	(4)	-286	ITALIAN SYMPHONY 13 M Johnston 3-8-6	J Weaver	[illegible]

8-11 Italian Symphony, 5-2 Good Day, 7-1 Guard A Dream, 8-1 Nukud.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Kettlewell, 9 winners from 29 runners, 31.0%; M Prescott, 5 from 21, 23.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 86, 17.4%; A Bailey, 15 from 98, 15.3%; M Johnston, 18 from 129, 14.0%; E Weymes, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Bramhill, 4 winners from 18 rides, 22.2%; G Carter, 8 from 40, 20.0%; J Weaver, 23 from 122, 18.9%; Alex Greaves, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Stack, 5 from 35, 14.3%; Darren Moffatt, 6 from 49, 12.2%.

4.00 TORRANYARD HANDICAP
(£3,388: 1m 2f 192yd) (6)

1	(6)	4101	MANFUL 17 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-9-13	N Kennedy	[illegible]
2	(3)	30-0	OPULENT 17 (S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-11	A Culhane	91
3	(4)	000-	ORDAINED 228 (D,F) E Alston 4-8-8	S Drowne	91
4	(2)	2-50	KEEP BATTLING 3 (CD,F) J Goldie 7-8-2	T Williams	90
5	(5)	-035	GOLD DESIRE 4 (C,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-7-11	G Bardwell	95
6	(1)	2003	SING AND DANCE 20 E Weymes 4-7-10	P Fessey (5)	97

5-4 Manful, 5-1 Gold Desire, 13-2 Opulent, Keep Battling, Sing And Dance, 8-1 Ordained

4.30 CROSSHILL LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,355: 1m) (5)

1	(3)	31	ZOOM UP 16 (D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	S Drowne	92
2	(4)	32-1	BEA'S RUBY 14 (S) A Bailey 8-11	J Weaver	[illegible]
3	(5)	231-	BRAVE MONTGOMERIE 244 (C,F) Miss L Perratt 8-11	J Carroll	85
4	(1)	150-	MUDFLAP 258 (BF,G) M Prescott 8-8	G Duffield	92
5	(2)	42-0	RIGHT TUNE 34 (F) B Hanbury 8-8	M Rimmer	90

2-1 Bea's Ruby, 7-2 Zoom Up, Mudflap, 4-1 Right Tune, 5-1 Brave Montgomerie.

5.05 KILMACOLM HANDICAP (£3,165: 7f) (18)

1	(1)	02-3	FINISTERRE 29 (G) J J O'Neill 4-9-13	J Weaver	87
2	(10)	8501	ALLINSON'S MATE 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Barron 9-9-12	Victoria Appleby (7)	94
3	(4)	4420	BE WARNED 15 (B,D,F,G) M Dods 6-9-11	G Carter	91
4	(14)	0-00	SUPERPRIDE 33 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10	A Culhane	94
5	(8)	0204	RUNNING GREEN 19 (G) D Moffatt 6-9-9	Darren Moffatt (3)	92
6	(6)	00-0	MARTINDALE 27 R Bastiman 4-9-8	H Bastiman (5)	—
7	(2)	0-50	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 15 (D,F,G,S) J Watts 9-9-8	G Duffield	94
8	(9)	40-0	BRANDONVILLE 25 N Tinkler 4-9-5	D McKeown	85
9	(15)	-000	MISTER WESTSOUND 17 (B,C,F) Miss L Perratt 5-9-4	J Carroll	98
10	(12)	6000	PLAYMAKER 11 (S) D Nicholls 4-8-13	Alex Greaves	90
11	(13)	0400	CRAIGIE BOY 51 (G,S) N Bycroft 7-8-11	T Williams	91
12	(16)	-006	MAGIC LAKE 9 (CD,F) E Alston 4-8-11	S Drowne	97
13	(5)	0-05	ZALOTTO 10 T Etherington 3-8-9	G Hind	93
14	(11)	3-00	TERMON 19 (G) Miss L Perratt 4-8-6	O Urbina	90
15	(7)	3134	RING THE CHIEF 65 (D,G) M Usher 5-8-5	J Marshall	90
16	(3)	-065	TIBBI BLUES 13 (G) J Goldie 10-8-6	J Bramhill (5)	96
17	(18)	0000	MU-ARRIK 5 (V,F,G) G Oldroyd 9-7-12	P Fessey (5)	[illegible]
18	(17)	-252	MONTE CAVO 2 M Brittain 6-7-11	G Bardwell	98

6-1 Allinson's Mate, 7-1 Monte Cavo, 8-1 Finisterre, Superpride, Zalotto, 10-1 Be Warned, Running Green, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WORCESTER: Trainers: M Pipe, 39 winners from 131 runners, 25.2%; D Nicholson, 20 from 85, 23.5%; Miss H Knight, 12 from 51, 23.5%; P Bowen, 4 from 19, 21.1%; C Brooks, 6 from 31, 19.4%; R Lee, 9 from 50, 18.0%. Jockeys: J Osborne, 31 winners from 108 rides, 28.7%; A P McCoy, 28 from 110, 25.5%; Mr R Thornton, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Culloty, 5 from 28, 17.9%; N Williamson, 20 from 119, 16.8%; R Dunwoody, 34 from 220, 15.5%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 3.30 Good Day. Goodwood: 3.10 Lycility. Worcester: 2.20 Mazemet. 3.20 Little-Nipper.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Melt The Clouds. 2.50 Sioux To Speak. 3.20 Destin D'Estruval. 3.50 Stay With Me. 4.20 Who Is Equiname. 4.55 The Village Way. 5.25 Andsuephi.

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2.20 EARLS CROOME JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m) (6 runners)

1	0162	MELT THE CLOUDS 7 (B,F) M Pipe 11-5	A P McCoy
2	4201	HAWANAFA 9F (G) Miss K George 11-0	D Gallagher
3	442	MAZAMET 14F (V) O O'Neill 10-12	V Slattery
4	F	SANTELLA CAPE 14 N Hawke 10-12	J Railton
5	0444	SPENCER STALLONE 14 G Roe 10-12	W Marston
6	P5	HEART 16 Miss H Knight 10-7	J Culloty

13-8 Melt The Clouds, 3-1 Mazamet, 9-2 Hawanafa, 13-2 Heart, 16-1 Santella Cape, 33-1 Spencer Stallone.

2.50 RIPPLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,460: 2m 4f) (13)

1	0/44	PRIME OF LIFE 11 J Eustace 7-11-10	S McNeill
2	FP23	SIOUX TO SPEAK 12 (S) Miss H Knight 5-11-8	Mr A Wintle (7)
3	3441	HELLO ME MAN 14 (D,G,S) B Llewellyn 9-11-4	Mr J L Llewellyn
4	-543	JAY EM ESS 51 (BF) A Hobbs 8-11-1	R Greene
5	P433	GENEREUX 16 S Mellor 4-10-13	C Webb (5)
6	3214	A S JIM 9 (C,G) O O'Neill 6-10-11	V Slattery
7	2033	POSITIVO 12 Miss C Caroe 6-10-9	D Leahy
8	50-0	VIKING DREAM 17F J Fox 5-10-8	S Fox
9	0005	MOLLIE SILVERS 11 J K Cresswell 5-10-7	W McFarland
10	POU4	MR LOVELY 62 J Neville 6-10-0	T Dascombe
11	F064	LYPHARD'S FABLE 21 T George 6-10-0	R Johnson
12	36P0	MUTLEY 14 N Hawke 7-10-0	C Maude
13	0065	KINGS VISION 14 W Jenks 5-10-0	T Jenks

11-2 Positivo, 13-2 Sioux To Speak, Hello Me Man, Jay Em Ess, A S Jim, 8-1 Genereux, Lyphard's Fable, 10-1 others

3.20 BREWERY TRADERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,615: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1	3512	DESTIN D'ESTRUVAL 14 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 6-12-0	R Johnson
2	PUPP	BO KNOWS BEST 16 (V,D,F,G,S) G L Moore 8-11-2	P Holley
3	4141	KHALIDI 16 (D,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-10-13	R Dunwoody
4	/0PP	LITTLE-NIPPER 11 (B,F,G,S) R Smith 12-10-1	C Maude

Evens Destin d'Estruval, 5-4 Khalidi, 10-1 Bo Knows Best, 20-1 Little-Nipper

3.50 BREWERY TRADERS 90TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,040: 2m) (7)

1	4211	STAY WITH ME 11 (CD,F,G,S) C Egerton 7-12-0	J Osborne
2	0300	GREEN LANE 95 (C,D,F,G) J Joseph 9-11-8	C Llewellyn
3	9044	FRASER CAREY 16 (B,D,F) T George 5-11-5	M A Fitzgerald
4	1522	ABOVE THE CUT 11 (D,BF,F) C Morlock 5-11-5	M Handley (7)
5	30R1	COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 16 (CD,F) P Hayward 8-10-10	B Fenton
6	014U	DAILY SPORT GIRL 2F (D,F,G,S) B Llewellyn 8-10-6	Mr J L Llewellyn
7	22F3	CLASSIC PAL 11 (CD,G) N Mitchell 6-10-2	D Skyrme

3-1 Stay With Me, Above The Cut, 4-1 Courageous Knight, 5-1 Classic Pal, 6-1 Daily Sport Girl, 7-1 Fraser Carey, 20-1 Green Lane

4.20 HANDLEY CASTLE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,114: 2m 7f 110yd) (9)

1	U312	DREAM RIDE 11 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-12-0	R Johnson
2	3321	WHO IS EQUINAME 30 (B,F,S) N Henderson 7-11-7	M A Fitzgerald
3	1-4B	BALASANI 14 (C,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 11-11-0	L Aspell (3)
4	-065	CAREYSVILLE 11 T George 6-11-0	Mr R Thornton (3)
5	PPP4	CUMBERLAND YOUTH 7 Miss C Caroe 6-11-0	T Lawrence
6	FPP6	MR CAMPUS 569 P Murphy 6-11-0	J R Kavanagh
7	-00P	WESTCOTE LAD 63 (G,S) P Bowen 8-11-0	DOUBTFUL
8	0/UU	KELLYTINO 11 P R Webber 8-10-9	R Bellamy
9	3-0U	STRAY HARMONY 11 R Smith 7-10-9	T J Murphy

5-4 Dream Ride, 2-1 Who Is Equiname, 10-1 Careysville, 16-1 Balasani, Mr Campus, Kellytino, 20-1 others

4.55 SHRAWLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,256: 2m) (14)

1	1	BRAMSHAW WOOD 16 (G) R Alner 5-11-11	Mr J Tizzard (7)
2	2141	THE VILLAGE WAY 8 (D,S) D Nicholson 6-11-11	R Johnson
3	0	A VERSE TO ORDER 11 Miss P Whittle 6-11-4	Mr O McPhail (7)
4	32	DOUBLE STAR 25 J L Harris 6-11-4	Mr R Thornton (3)
5	0	DUNGANNON LAD 16 W G M Turner 6-11-4	N Willmington (7)
6	004	FRANKIE MUCK 7 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4	C Llewellyn
7	5	HILL'S ELECTRIC 16 T Kedoy 5-11-4	D Gallagher
8		LEWESDON MANOR P R Webber 6-11-4	J Osborne
9		ROYAL TOAST N Henderson 5-11-4	M A Fitzgerald
10	62	STAR ADVENTURE 49 J Evans 5-11-4	Miss E James
11	0	BRISTOL GOLD 11 P Felgate 4-10-13	L Sothern (7)
12		ESPERANZA IV M J Roberts 5-10-13	J Railton
13		KERRY'S OATS P Hedger 5-10-13	M Clinton (7)
14		ARCTIC AFFAIR K Morgan 4-10-8	B Powell

11-8 The Village Way, 4-1 Double Star, 11-2 Star Adventure, 13-2 Bramshaw Wood, 14-1 Hill's Electric, Arctic Affair, 25-1 others

5.25 SHRAWLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,256: 2m) (13)

1	1	ANDSUEPHI 11 (D,G) C Brooks 5-11-11	G Brace (7)
2	120	NEVER IN DEBT 165 (CD,F) A Hobbs 5-11-11	Mr G Shenkin (7)
3	U	COOLEST BY PHAR 103 Miss P Whittle 5-11-4	Mr O McPhail (7)
4		MOSSY BUCK M J Roberts 5-11-4	J Railton
5	0	STARDANTE 11 R Lee 5-11-4	L Harvey
6		STORMHILL STAG P Bowen 5-11-4	L Cummins (7)
7	0-00	TRYMYPLY 18 H Webb 5-11-4	S McNeill
8	0	BEACON LANE 11 O O'Neill 4-10-13	V Slattery
9		BLAZER N Henderson 4-10-13	J R Kavanagh
10		HOW TO RUN D Wintle 4-10-13	W Marston
11	5	MINIBELLE 8 D Williams 5-10-13	M Clarke
12	00	LADY BOCO 11 F Coton 4-10-8	C Rae
13	0	MISS BLUES SINGER 49 A Chamberlain 4-10-8	B Powell

9-4 Blazer, 3-1 Andsuephi, 5-1 Never In Debt, 8-1 Minibelle, 10-1 Stormhill Stag, 16-1 Stardante, Trymyply, Beacon Lane, How To Run, 20-1 others.

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SAILING

Elite will benefit from new wave of funding

By Edward Gorman, Sailing Correspondent

BRITISH sailing is on the verge of a *funding revolution* from the National Lottery which could help to put the nation's leading yachtsmen on an equal footing with their *well-funded* European counterparts for the first time in years.

The signs are that the Sports Council has largely accepted a bid prepared and submitted by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) for a total funding package which could be worth up to £3 million per year for sailing. This is a large advance on present funding which, last year, for example, *amounted to just £180,000* from the Sports Council for the RYA.

The bid, which has been masterminded by Rod Carr, *the RYA racing manager, and* will be formally responded to on June 6 by the council, would put an end to the time-consuming and distracting *search for sponsorship that* tends to pre-occupy Britain's leading Olympic sailors. It will also bring a number of new disciplines within the *sport into the central funding* net for the first time. "It's enormous — the biggest thing that's happened to the sport for a long time," Carr said. "It *will enable our elite sailors to* compete for the first time on an equal basis with, say, our German or Spanish counterparts."

The council is believed to have accepted all 15 disciplines submitted by the RYA as viable for funding. They are the ten Olympic classes plus the *youth and junior squads*, match racing, team racing and paralympic sailing. There was no application for assis*tance to single-handed racing*, one of the most difficult areas for raising sponsorship, because the council indicated that it did not view it as a suitable candidate for support.

The money is expected to be distributed in two parts, *with* one tranche, of around £250,000, devoted to capital items such as the purchase by the RYA of a pair of new *Solings, two Tornado catamarans* and some team racing boats, with the remainder for running and campaign expenses.

Sailors who will benefit will be selected by the RYA on the basis of their international or elite status, or because they are members of the RYA *Olympic or youth squads*.

Carr and his colleagues are keeping their fingers crossed that the bid will not fall foul of changes in priorities for the *distribution of lottery money* at the Sports Council as a result of the change of government.

"If they change the rules *and take more for* health and education, then this programme would be out the window," he said. "It is wholly dependent on the lottery rules *being kept the same*."

The new money is in addition to a separate proposal being formulated by the RYA together with various local *sailing clubs up and down the* country, to create nine centres of excellence that will provide facilities for championships and for race *training*.

The plan is to encourage each of the nine proposed centres to submit their own business plans to the council *for developing new or existing* facilities in the hope that they will be awarded substantial grants which, in some cases, could be worth more *than £1 million*.

The proposed sites are at Largs, Pwllheli, Derwent Reservoir, Rutland Water, Grafham Water, Hayling Island, *Weymouth/Bournemouth*, Plymouth and Falmouth.

Tony Bullimore, rested from the rigours of the South *Atlantic, is to take part in the* Round Europe Race, which starts from Cherbourg on June 1. He has chartered the Open 60, *Cafe Legal*, now *renamed Exide Challenger*, which was skippered by Eric Dumont, of France, in the Vendée Globe race.

ALEX LIVESEY / ALLSPORT

Williams gets the ball away to Townsend as the Lions knuckle down to a lively training session in Durban

Lions braced for intimidating clash

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
in Durban

A WARM, not to say intimidating, welcome awaits the British Isles when they open their tour — as their 1980 predecessors did — in Port Elizabeth on Saturday. The *Eastern Province Invitation* XV, whom they play, has been boosted by three internationals, among them Kobus Wiese, who needs no introduc*tion to British players*.

Wiese, 33 and capped 18 times at lock, was one of the South Africa A pack involved in an over-aggressive encoun*ter with England in Kimberley* three years ago. Since then, he has established a reputation as an effective tight forward, only to damage it against *Wales in Johannesburg in* 1995 when he laid out Derwyn Jones with a punch for which he was subsequently fined. Three of the Lions — Graham Rowntree, Lawrence Dallaglio and Simon Shaw — were involved in that match and the same trio played against Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth on the same tour, when Tim Rodber was sent off in a vicious match. The present Lions will, *therefore*, have *mixed feelings* about the venue where Fran Cotton, their manager, and Ian McGeechan, the coach, ensured a victorious series for the 1974 Lions.

Eastern Province, who are now under the financial control of Gauteng (formerly Transvaal), not only have *Wiese from their sister province* but also Hennie le Roux, who, like Wiese, was injured playing against Auckland last month. Both are returning to fitness in the hope of winning places in the national squad and they will be joined by Sam Scott-Young, the former Australian flanker.

The Lions themselves, who *threatened to form more com*mittees than the Rugby Football Union, have established their own code of conduct and disciplinary committee which can impose punishments on defaulters, though Cotton expressed the hope yesterday that the committee is never required to meet.

☐ Kenny Logan, the Wasps wing, has withdrawn from Scotland's six-match tour of southern Africa with a back injury and will be replaced in the 30-strong party by Tony Stanger, of Hawick, who has won 45 caps.

Catt under spotlight

ENGLAND are *seeking* a dynamic display from Mike Catt at stand-off half when they kick off their six-match Argentinian tour against Cor*doba, the national champions, tonight*.

Jack Rowell, the coach, wants Catt to reproduce the form which dazzled Wales *two months* ago *and helped* to secure England a third successive five nations' championship triple crown. "We still need to button up the No 10 position," Rowell said, "and Mike must show us that the Wales performance wasn't a *one-off*. We need a few quality performances."

Rowell has set his 30-man squad the "minimum requirement" of winning every *match, a feat that* England squads in 1981 and 1990 could not manage.

FOOTBALL: LIECHTENSTEIN REVIVE MEMORIES OF COSTLY FAILURE

Ireland promise not to repeat mistake

IF IRELAND beat Liechtenstein by three or more goals, as they are expected to, at Lansdowne Road this evening, they will *move into second place in group eight of* their World Cup qualifying series (Russell Kempson writes). Though Romania have as good as won the group, victory will keep Ireland within sight of the runners-*up place and a subsequent play-off to* decide who goes on to play in the finals in France next year.

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, is thus treating the match seriously, still mindful of Ireland's 0-0 draw in the *Alpine principality two years ago that* effectively cost his country a place in the European championship finals in England.

"Nobody gave them a chance and then *look what happened,*" *he said yesterday*. "We don't want to make the same mistake again."

Liechtenstein, who were beaten 5-0 by Ireland in August and have conceded 31 goals in six qualifying matches, appear to *have attached less importance to the* fixture.

They did not arrive in Dublin until late yesterday afternoon and travelled without Harry Zech, one of their most experienced *forwards. He preferred to stay at home to* take his children on a school outing instead.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Fell believes in greater competition

WHENEVER the thorny subject of revamping the Minor Counties competi*tions is raised*, *Mark Fell*, the Lincolnshire captain, offers forthright opinions, as befits one who has given 12 years service to his county.

"Two *divisions* in the championship with promotion and relegation," he said. "Organise the cup on the same basis as the Benson and Hedges Cup, with group matches leading to knockout stages."

Fell, a deep thinker about the game, had a brief skir*mish with the* first-class scene, playing for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. His long service with Lincolnshire has been acknowledged by the award of a benefit season, the first for a Minor Counties player.

Others have been granted an isolated match, but Fell's fund-raising activities span the whole of this year and feature a two-week benefit tour to Barbados in October and a New Year's Eve *function* to complete his busy programme.

Fell, 36, who works in the family florists in Newark, was educated at Grove *School, Balderton, where* Paul Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, was also a pupil. He cares about the Minor Counties game and *wants it to prosper*.

Hence, his schemes to sharpen its competitive edge. "With a lot more professionals coming into *our game, the standard* is going up and up," he said. "I believe two divisions would prove beneficial and that group matches in the cup would *prevent freak results*, with a good team being eliminated in the first round in mid-May."

THE fact that Lincolnshire knocked out Hertfordshire anyway, by five wickets at Shenley, has not altered Fell's desire to have a fairer *elimination process. Lin*colnshire now meet Staffordshire at Grantham on June 1.

Fell would also like to see *Minor Counties teams giv*en automatic home advantage in the opening round of the NatWest Trophy. "We were away to Lancashire a few years ago," he said. "For Old Trafford, it was just another day, with about 150 watching, but, *if we had* played on one of our grounds, such as Sleaford, we would probably have attracted 4,000.

"Minor Counties are not going to produce bad pitches, *because* the first-class sides bring top bowlers who are a serious threat. For a club hosting such a match, it is a big occasion and they *pull out all the stops* to make the day a success."

Fell has seen it all from the other side of the fence. While playing for Notting*hamshire* in 1982-83, he scored a hundred against Essex in his fifth first-class game and, on occasions, had the somewhat daunting experience of being sandwiched between Clive Rice and Richard Hadlee in the batting order.

Fell was then 21 and he believes that his chance came too early. "I am definitely a better player now," he said. "Frankly, I was quite relieved when I was released. I just was not enjoying it."

HE had a summer with Derbyshire, in 1985, and is *now approaching his hun*dredth Minor Counties championship match, having scored almost 6,000 runs at an average of 39.39.

Ironically, other sports have figured more prominently in the the Fell family. Mark played semi-professional football with Arnold Town. Gerry, his elder brother, was with Brighton, Torquay United and Southend United. Gerry, their father, was a professional *boxer, losing only* eight of 158 bouts, and Mark's grandfather, also called Gerry, played football for Barnsley.

Fell believes that Lincolnshire, who bat all the way down the order and have seven bowlers, will be challenged for honours by Bed*fordshire, with* Wayne Larkins, and Norfolk.

His own player to watch is Simon Oakes, 22, his team-mate, a bowler from *Grantham. "He is genuinely quick,"* Fell said. "We are delighted to have him, but he looks a certainty for first-class cricket."

MICHAEL AUSTIN

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The British quartet of John Armstrong, Steve Lodge, Andrew Dyson and Glyn Liggins won the strongly contested Schiphol tournament last year. Armstrong spotted a famous falsecard *situation on this hand*.

Dealer South **Game all** **IMPs**

♠A Q 5
♥Q 9 7 5
♦8
♣A Q 9 5 3

♠K 10
♥4
♦7 6 3
♣K J 10 7 6 4 2

N
W E
S

♠8 6
♥K J 8 6 3 2
♦A 10 5 4
♣8

♠J 9 7 4 3 2
♥A 10
♦K Q J 9 2
♣—

Contract: Six Spades by South **Lead: Four of hearts**

At both tables the contract was Six Spades, after South had opened One Spade and West had competed with a weak jump overcall of Three Clubs, and at both tables West led his singleton heart, which went to *the jack and ace*.

Both declarers continued with a small spade, and here the play diverged. When John Armstrong was West, he played the king and dummy won with the ace. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs for a heart discard and continued with a diamond from dummy, East playing the ace. East continued with a low heart. South ruffed low, expecting West to be out of trumps, but West overruffed and the contract was one down. Obviously, ruffing high would have *succeeded, as would drawing* a second round of trumps, but declarer wanted to set up a diamond ruff first in case the diamonds were breaking badly. Armstrong's clever falsecard had diverted declarer from the winning line.

In the other room, when Liggins, as declarer, played a *spade towards dummy at trick* two, West played the ten. Liggins finessed the queen, and at this point really had no option but to play the ace of *spades, hoping for a 2-2 divi*sion; otherwise, he has a trump to lose besides the ace of diamonds. However, in practice, he took a heart discard and continued with a diamond from dummy. Again East took the ace, and now a heart return beat the contract for certain.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on *bridge Monday to Friday in* Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CASSINE
a. A military farmhouse
b. Blackcurrant drink
c. A Franciscan nun

CONNUBIATE
a. An in-law
b. Clouded
c. To marry

CURIOSO
a. A musical instruction
b. A connoisseur
c. A riddle or paradox

CARNY
a. A *meat-eater*
b. Darling
c. To coax

Answers on page 54

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Strangulation

Grandmaster Matthew Sadler's recent successes for the England team, at the chess Olympiad last year and at the recently-concluded European *team championship*, are bound to propel him up the ranking list.

Sadler won the individual gold medal for his performance in the Olympiad and was the key component of the England team's overall gold medal at Pula. It may well be that the next international rating list sees him powering towards the magic margin of 2,700 and challenging Nigel *Short and Michael Adams for* the top slot.

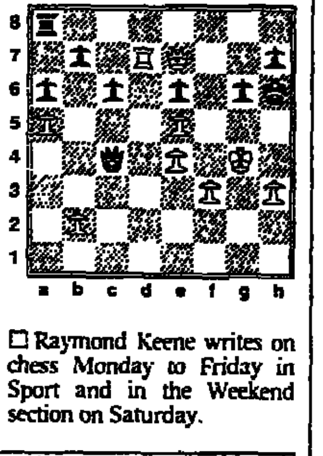
In the game today from Pula, Sadler confronts a fashionable but strategically suspicious variation of the Slav Defence. He rapidly establishes a bind, restricting Black's possibilities and ultimately breaks through to destroy the black king.

White: Sadler
Black: Hellsten
European team championship
Pula, 1997

Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	a6
5	a4	g6
6	Bg5	Bg7
7	e3	0-0
8	Qb3	e6
9	a5	Nbd7
10	Be2	Qe7
11	h3	Re8
12	0-0	Qf8
13	Bf4	Ne4
14	Nxe4	dxe4
15	Ne5	Qe7
16	Rfd1	f6
17	Nxd7	Qxd7
18	c5	Qf7
19	Bc4	f5
20	Rd2	Bf6
21	Rf1	Bd8
22	Qb4	Bc7
23	Be5	Qe7
24	Kh2	Qf7
25	Qc3	Rd8
26	Rfd1	Re8
27	f3	exf3
28	gxf3	Qe7
29	Rg1	Rd8
30	Rgd1	Kf8
31	e4	Bxe5+
32	dxe5	Rxd2+
33	Qxd2	Qxc5
34	Qd8+	Kg7
35	Qf6+	Kh6
36	Kg3	Qxc4
37	Qf8+	Kh5
38	Qe7	f4+
39	Kxf4	Kh6
40	Kg4	Bd7
41	Rxd7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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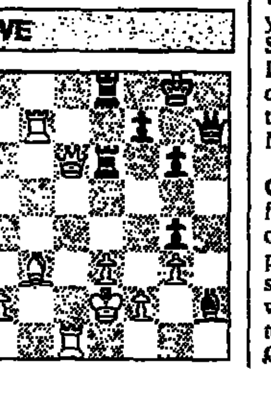
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. From the game Anand — Kramnik, Monaco, 1997. The key feature of this *position is the far-flung black* bishop on h2. White now found a clever way to simplify the position and exploit this factor. Can you see how he continued?

Solution on page 54



IN BRIEF

IMG ups tempo for dance

MARK McCORMACK, the sports entrepreneur, signed a deal yesterday with the International Dance Sport Federation, the leading amateur *ballroom dance organisation*, that is expected to put ballroom dancing on the path to becoming a leading sport in terms of spectators, television *and sponsorship* (*Ruth Gledhill writes*).

The agreement means that McCormack's IMG, the leading sports marketing company, will handle all television and sponsorship rights for the federation for the next 11 years. *Discussions have already be*gun to change the way that dance competitions are presented to heighten their appeal for television and sponsorship.

Polo: Thirlstone beat Minotaurs 7-6 after extra time yesterday at the Guards Club in league three of the medium-goal *Royal Windsor Cup*, which is sponsored by New and Lingwood. A league four encounter resulted in a 10-9 victory for Geebung against *Innerwick*.

Rugby league: Graeme West has assumed the coaching duties at Widnes on at two-*year contract* after the club, bottom of the first division, yesterday parted company with Doug Laughton, the football manager, and Bernard Long, the coach.

Basketball: Jim Brandon, who was named coach of the year after leading Sheffield Sharks to the Budweiser League and National Cup *double in their first season*, three years ago, has joined Manchester Giants.

Golf: Eleanor Pilgrim, 19, *from Celtic Manor*, Newport, one of the bright young crop of players on golfing scholarships in the United States, won the Welsh women's amateur championship at Northop Country Park yesterday.

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: World team championship (Sudirman Cup): Third division: Group A: *Australia 5 Finland 0; Hong Kong 5 Austria* 0. Group B: New Zealand 4 Norway 1; Scotland 3 India 2. Fourth division: Group A: Poland 5 Bulgaria 0; United States 4 Iceland 1. Group B: Wales 4 Czech Republic 1; Ukraine 5 Switzerland 0. Fifth division: Group A: France 3 Portugal 2; Belarus 5 Belgium 0. Group B: Ireland 4 Peru 1; Spain 5 Kazakhstan 0. Sixth division: Group A: Pakistan 3 Guatemala 2; Sri Lanka 4 Slovenia 1. Group B: South *Africa 4 Mauritius 1; Israel 3 Jamaica 2*. Eighth division: Lithuania 5 Chile 0; Armenia 3 Greece 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 13 Cincinnati 6; *Montreal 2 Los Angeles 1*; New York 4 Colorado 3; Chicago 15 San Francisco 4; Houston 9 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 7 St Louis 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 13 Anaheim 4

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-*offs: Western Conference: Finals:* Utah 101 Houston 86 (Utah lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (50 overs): Chester-le-*Street: Durham v Australians. Match aban*doned because of rain.

RED STRIPE CUP (final day of four): Kingston: Trinidad and Tobago 180 and 245 (D Williams 56; F Rose 4-69); Jamaica 226 and 134 (R Samuels 55). Trinidad and Tobago won by 45 runs. Charlestown, Nevis: Guyana 257 and 264 (Z Haniff 71, A Haniff 62; W Phillip 5-108); Leeward Islands 221 (K Arthurton 61, R Powell 51; M Nagamootoo 4-88) and 129-1 (A Adams 69 *not out*). *Match drawn*.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bromsgrove 157 * Dean Close 158-7; Gresham 207-4 dec (J Wyatt 104) Ipswich 157-5; Invitation XI 198-6 * King's, Rochester 143-4; * Merchant Taylors', Crosby 174-6 King's, Chester 131; * Wellington College 199-8 Eton 183-7. ** denotes home side.*

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fourth stage (San Marino to Arezzo, 156 kilometres): 1, M Cipollini (It) Saeco 3hr 57min 58sec; 2, E Leoni (It) AKI; 3, A Edo (Sp) Kelme; 4, G Magnusson (Swe) Amore and Vita; 5, F Baldato (It) Magnificio MG; 6, M Rossato (It) Scrigno; 7, G Missaglia (It) Mapei; 8, M Traversoni (It) Mercatone Uno; 9, M Wust (Ger) Festina; 10, M Piccoli (It) Brescialat, all same time. Overall positions: 1, P Tonkov (Russ) 12hr *18min 03sec; 2, E Berzin (Russ) at 1sec*; 3, R Petito (It) at 12; 4, L Leblanc (Fr) at 37; 5, P Ugrumov (Russ) at 53; 6, I Gotti (It) at 55.

FOOTBALL

TOUR MATCH: South China 2 Chelsea 3 (in Hong Kong).

Monday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Celta Vigo 1 Barcelona 3

DUTCH LEAGUE: *Feyenoord 6 Sparta* Rotterdam 1

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Platense 2 Union 0

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Santos 5 Portuguesa Santista 0; Portuguesa 2 Uniao São Joao 1; Guarani 2 São Paulo 0; Palmeiras 5 Mogi-Mirim 0; America 3 Corinthians 3; So Jose 1 Rio Branco 1. Botafogo 2 Internacional 0; Juventus 2 Aracatuba 1. Rio de Janeiro *championship: Vasco da Gama 4 Bangu 0*; Americano 0 Botafogo 1; Flumnense 2 Flamengo 0.

GLIDING

LE BLANC, France: British overseas championship (228km triangle; 30 completions of 40). 1, R Cheetham (LS8) 87.1kph, 1,000pts; equal 2, P Crabb (LS8) and S Crabb (LS8) 79.6, 906; 4, D Campbell (Discus) 77.4, 884; 5, T Scott (LS8) 77.6, 877; 6, S Doyen (Pegase) 73.0, 847.

GOLF

SAUNTON: English women's championship: First round: 72: R Hudson (Wheatley), R Bailey (Whittington Heath). 73: G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District). 76: S Sanderson (The Berkshire), L Simpson (Trevose), C Caldwell (Sunningdale). 77: K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports). 78: *K Burton* (St George's Hill), M Henderson (Wrag Barn), K Rostron (Clitheroe), E Duggleby (Malton and Norton), G Nutter (Formby). 79: L Walters (Chevin), L Tupholme (Northcliffe), K Smith (Waterlooville), J Cingari (Tewkesbury Park), J Lamb (West Wilts).

NEWPORT: Welsh women's championship: Semi-finals: E Pilgrim (Celtic Manor) bt H Lawson (Bull Bay) 2 and 1; L Davis *(Conwy) bt L Evans (Penmaenmawr)* 5 and 4. Final: Pilgrim bt Davis 3 and 2.

HANDBALL

KUMAMOTO, Japan: World championships: Group B: South Korea 27 France 28; *Sweden 24 Norway 17*. Group C: Czech Republic 24 Brazil 10; Spain 19 Egypt 19.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Western Conference: Finals: Detroit 2 Colorado 1 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

RIFLE SHOOTING

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM (for Pershing Trophy small bore match): M Babb (Appleton), S Bailey (Sywell), J Burrage (41st London), J Cornish (Salisbury), J Duguid (Bedford), R Fowke (Basingstoke), G Hamley (Stuart Road, RC), C Ogle (Edinburgh University Alumni), J Renouf (Jersey), P Strong (Maidenhead), M White (Beaconsfield), G Winch (Stirling Rl).

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston): Latest positions (at 13.54GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 3,879; 2, Commercial Union 3,907; 3, Save The Children 3,933; 4, Concert 3,938; 5, Toshiba Wave Warrior 3,958; 6, Courtaulds International 3,981; 7, *Global Teamwork* 4,025; 8, Pause To Remember 4,027; 9, Motorola 4,032; 10, Heath Insured II 4,039; 11, Ocean Rover 4,040; 12, Nuclear Electric 4,061; 13, Time & Tide 4,125; 14, 3Com 4,135.

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup: Red group: Australia bt United States 2-1 (M Woodforde and T Woodbridge bt A O'Brien and J Stark 4-6, 6-4, 6-2). Croatia lead Czech Republic 1-0 (G Ivanisevic bt B Ulihrach 6-4, 3-6, 6-4). Blue group: Result: Holland bt Germany 2-1.

ST POLTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: First round: T Muster (Austria) bt S Grosjean (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; G Schaller (Austria) bt T Johansson (Swe) 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; J Kroslak (Slovakia) bt A Voinea (Rom) 6-0, 7-6; K Alami (Mor) bt P Baur (Ger) 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; *M Rios (Chile) bt A Gaudenzi (It)* 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Rosset (Switz) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: M Lucic (Cro) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt K Studenikova (Slovakia) 4-6, 6-0, 6-4; A-G Sidot (Fr) bt M Diaz-Oliva (Arg) 7-6, 6-2. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 6-3, 6-2.

TENNIS

Agassi joins missing persons list

THE list of notable absentees from the men's singles at the French Open next week grew again yesterday when Andre Agassi announced that he *would not be taking part*.

Agassi cited a long-standing injury to his right wrist when he told tournament organisers of his decision. The same *injury kept him out of the* German Open in Hamburg last week.

The announcement came 24 hours after Boris Becker said that he would not be playing. Pete Sampras, the world No 1, is struggling to be fit after retiring with a thigh injury during a match at the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf on Monday. Two other leading American players, Todd Mar*tin and MaliVai Washington*, have already pulled out with injuries.

The news is bound to increase speculation about Agassi's future in the sport. A former Wimbledon champion and twice a beaten finalist at the French Open, Agassi has played sparingly this year. Last month he married Brooke Shields, the actress, and has shown little *commit*ment to tournament appearances this year.

He has fallen to 28th in the ATP Tour rankings and would *not have been seeded in Paris*, where he reached the finals in 1990 and 1991. He won his last grand slam tournament title in Australian in 1995, was Wimbledon champion in 1992 and US Open champion in 1992 and 1994.

Agassi has lost five of his past six matches on the ATP Tour. Since losing in the semi-finals in San Jose, California, *in February, he went out in the* opening rounds in Memphis, Scottsdale and Key Biscayne. He beat Jaime Oncins in Atlanta last month, but then *lost his next match, to Magnus* Norman, and has not played since. He will be replaced in the draw by Jerome Golmard, of France.

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CRICKET

Durham poised to negotiate learning curve

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

DURHAM, the youngest first-class county, are still priced derisively at 1,000-1 for the county championship and only mug punters will be tempted, but, after a painful five years, much like a prolonged initiation ceremony, they are at last beginning to compete. Now, they must learn how to win.

In a fractured first month of the season, Durham have made conspicuous improvement. They would have beaten Nottinghamshire but for a day of rain and they could, conceivably, have won at Chelmsford last week, when their performance won words of approval from Graham Gooch.

"Our cricket is a bit like a racehorse who jumps the last fence in front but can't quite get home," Norman Gifford, their coach and a racing buff, said. David Boon, the captain, agrees. "We have talked about learning to win," he said. "At the moment, we are getting to the threshold and faltering."

This, however, is a good deal better than never getting close, which has been the story of much of their time in the championship. "A lot of people forget that this club is really only five years old," Boon said. "I have been pleased by the attitude of the youngsters since I've been here. We've worked hard on a tougher mental approach."

There comes a time, however, when even supporters as loyal as Durham's demand something tangible. There could be no better week to start than this, with Worcestershire visiting the Riverside Ground immediately after the opening of the latest plush facilities and the disappointment of an aborted fixture against the Australians.

Chester-le-Street is now an enviable venue and its public catering is almost certainly the most ambitious in the country. A brasserie in the grandstand was opened yesterday after contractors worked until 2.30am on the finishing touches. Most county grounds would be shamed by a comparison. Durham deserve a little success.

The top game of the new round in the championship is on a very different stage, at the picturesque King's School ground in Gloucester, where the surprise championship leaders meet Essex. Despite wins over Hampshire and Surrey, nobody is inclined to take Gloucestershire seriously just yet, but this view will be sharply revised if they win against a side unbeaten in all competitions this season.

Essex are beginning to show the flair and versatility of old, winning games through seam and spin and scoring their runs at speed. Gooch himself has had a lean start, but is purring over the progress of Ashley Cowan as a new-ball bowler. Expect his name to come up at a Test selection meeting before too long.

Glamorgan, in second place, give Hugh Morris a late fitness test before playing hapless Hampshire at Cardiff, but one man who will definitely play today is Alan Wells, returning with Kent to meet Sussex, the club that so controversially and hamfistedly dismissed him as captain last autumn.

JOHN GILES

Direct hit: David Lloyd, the England cricket coach, orchestrates fielding practice at Headingley yesterday as his squad prepares for the first one-day international tomorrow. Report, page 56

Tug-of-war looming for youthful talent

EXTRA COVER

The inclusion of Ben Hollioake in England's Texaco Trophy squad, coupled with speculation that another Surrey tyro, Alex Tudor, could be picked for the first Test against Australia, has fuelled the club versus country conflict over what is best for our most promising young cricketers.

Hollioake and Tudor benefited from the experience of touring Pakistan with the England Under-19 team during the winter and will still be eligible to further their educations at the same level in a series of international matches against Zimbabwe in August.

Many clubs believe that such players would gain more from playing against grown men in the championship and Axa Life League. Surrey have already asked the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to allow them to keep Hollioake and Tudor for the entire summer, although one presumes that they would defer to the wishes of the Test selectors. Middlesex and Northamptonshire have made similar requests in respect of Owais Shah and David Sales, respectively.

Other counties can be expected to follow suit, although we can take it that Worcestershire will not be among them. Mike Vockins, their secretary, has managed England Under-19 and A teams and he feels strongly that giving priority to the junior internationals is good for the players and good for England.

Until a few years ago, he recalls, the England Under-19 team was picked on something of an *ad hoc* basis. "It made life difficult for all the players, especially the captains," Vockins said, "and as a consequence we were a bit of a rag bag in organisation and play."

All that has changed. Micky Stewart, as the board's director of coaching and excellence, has pressed for a squad of under-19 players to play together, train together and be prepared for tours together.

As a result, Vockins claims, England have a much improved record at under-19 and A team level. It is only at the senior level that things are still going awry. "Surely," he said, "the evidence points firmly to continuing the proper preparations of our under-19s so that players have confidence in their ability and are properly tuned to international cricket."

Expert judge

The death of Bernie Constable, at the age of 76, brought memories flooding back for Sir Alec Bedser and his twin, Eric, not least because the three of them joined the Surrey staff on the same April day in 1938.

They already knew that Constable could play because they had seen him score 150 on Ham Common when he was only 15. They were to find out much more about him when they went to the Oval on the recommendation of Allan Peach, the legendary coach who ran a cricket school at Woking.

Constable, who learnt his cricket at East Molesey, where his father used to hire out punts, was not just a dapper little batsman, particularly good against spin, who scored more than 1,000 runs in a season 12 times during his 25 years at the Oval.

He was also a great assessor of the opposition, studying each batsman from his position at cover point with an eagle eye. "It would take him a couple of overs to work them out," Sir Alec said. "Then he would come and tell us where to bowl at them and where not to bowl. We did not need video cameras in those days."

Time to stand

Wayne Larkins, motivated perhaps by the way that Peter Willey and George Sharp, his former Northamptonshire colleagues, made such rapid progress to the elite international panel of umpires, is planning to put on the white coat himself.

Whether he does it next year of the year after depends on how many runs he gets this season. Larkins, the former England batsman, left Durham two years ago, but he is still playing for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties championship and Richmond in the North Yorkshire and South Durham League. "Cricket is all I know really," Larkins, 44, said. "So, when I have to pack up playing, umpiring would be a nice way of staying in the game. I have had a few words with Peter and George when I've seen them on the circuit and they thoroughly enjoy what they are doing. I am sure that I would as well."

Devon drops in

The England players, not to mention the selectors, were slightly taken aback when Devon Malcolm turned up at the Headingley nets as they prepared for the first of the one-day internationals against Australia. They must have thought that Malcolm's radar was on the blink again, but all was quickly explained. He had been to see his contact lens suppliers just down the road and thought that he would drop in to see the lads — and get them to sign a few bats for his benefit.

Incidentally, if Malcolm does make it back into the Test side, Michael Atherton might take a leaf out of Dean Jones's book of psychology. Jones, the Derbyshire captain, has been exhorting Malcolm with the words: "C'mon, Dev, let's have a couple of wickets for Ray Illingworth." It seems to work.

FATHER TIMES

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	The Twins (B Collinson)	2487
2	Ashes Coming Horn (JH Stewart)	2482
3	Linseeds (R Hoy)	2433
4	Seam's Good! (L Davies)	2423
5=	Cerys Little Sol (J Pagnion)	2402
5=	Kenneths Soldier (JS Pagenton)	2402
7	Paulines Stars (Ms P Howell)	2391
8	Times 3	2390
9	(R Knowle)	2389
10	Peacock C C (J Wood)	2384
11	Have Bales Of A (JR Stanley)	2382
12	Denbigh's Destro (C Brown)	2382
13	Easy Beats (J Welsh)	2361
14	Daves Demons (D Taggoo)	2358
15	Heighlyn Park (RH Griffiths)	2357
16	(A Hoyes)	2352
17	Hursts Crack Hand (R Jackson)	2349
18	Bambi's Boys (P Westerman)	2347
19	Wombies Allstars (KJ Davis)	2343
20	All Out (A Charlton)	2342
21=	Daves World Winn (R Rowley)	2338
21=	(S Mickleson)	2338
23=	Bashers Eleven (N Sellas)	2333
23=	Monty Bears (M White)	2333
25	Kim's Best (D Geraghty)	2330
26	Also Rans (M Jordan)	2326
27	Jayben X I (K Jenkinson)	2324
28	The Nancy Boys (G Hart)	2316
29=	Sarah Hayden C C (M Trott)	2314
29=	Spin Twins (JT Wookman)	2314
31	Mad Max 1 (P Seabourne)	2312
32	Coalmanshire (D Coalman)	2311
33	Supersonic Xi (S Woodman)	2309
34=	Hulberts Heroes (C Hulbert)	2302
34=	Murphys First (K Norman)	2302
36=	Howzat (C Ramsay)	2301
36=	Raithathas X I (N Raithatha)	2301
38=	Bailey Beaters (PD Armitage)	2300
38=	Cod And Chips Pa (P Stebbings)	2300
40	Liz Hurley's Leg (L Giacomin)	2299
41	Bellicose Blades (DW Bell)	2297
42	Scorpiods (P Jewsbury)	2296
43=	Wind In The Will (J Millen)	2295
43=	Webbers Post (EG Evans)	2295
45	Derwent Coun C (M Kelly)	2293
46	The Hustler (J Huckerby)	2291
47	Dickie Bird Is G (P Padley)	2286
48=	Grog Blossoms I (D Hermann)	2285
48=	Spin Me Another (D Churchill)	2285
50	Charlies Ghosts (A Nugent)	2282
51	Trucks Are Us (J Knight)	2276
52	(D Sharp)	2275
53=	Oval Squares X I (G Steel)	2273
53=	Oval Squares X I (G Steel)	2273
53=	Darrens First X (P Edwards)	2273
56	N N N Five (M Madden)	2272
57=	Adamantine I I (Ms M Burton)	2270
57=	Wells Bells X I	2270
59	The Magnificent (E Langley)	2268
60	The Crazy Gang 2 (J Short)	2266
61	Tims World X I (T Bleace)	2265
62	Goals 9 (E Pool)	2264
63=	Essex Stits	2263
63=	Dave's Fourth El (D Quiddell)	2263
65	Cheadle S H (M Roberts)	2262
66=	The Turnips (A Turnbull)	2261
66=	Stewarts Stars (S Farrar)	2261
68	Illy's Rejects (GD Bazley)	2259
69=	Spinattack (I De Silva)	2257
69=	Kenickie (A Goreham)	2257
69=	Tramond Teams (R Ballie)	2257
72	Highgrove Hitmen (J Rowand)	2254
73=	Burnleyshire (D Ashworth)	2250
73=	All Round Abus (W Burnett)	2250
75=	Humtastic (A Frazer)	2248
75=	Parlours 2nd X I (J Parlour)	2248
75=	Tommers Terrers (P Tompkins)	2248
78	Broad Oak Brave (B Jarrett)	2247
79	Alexandra C C 2 (A Roberts)	2246
80	Fifth Business (JC Clarke-Willis)	2245
81=	Tottenham C C C (A Zioni)	2244
81=	Tin Hatters (JF Arnold)	2244
81=	Good Enough C C (J Lyne)	2244
84	Tubby's Tubamen (A Whitfield)	2243
85	8 Miles High (R Ree)	2242
86=	Terry Team (L Terry)	2240
86=	The X Phils	2240
86=	Ludwell 1st X I (TPJ Murray)	2240
89	Abba (Minkworth)	2239
90	Miss Is Loose (S Morrisey)	2238
91	Charlie's 2 (C Webb)	2237
92=	3 Pins (T Hindle)	2236
92=	Old Elthamians (T Elkins-Green)	2236
92=	Bognors Barmy Ar (B Moyen)	2236
92=	The O K Eleven (T Blundey)	2236
92=	Ace All Rounders (A Eade)	2236
97	(JPR Gardner)	2235
98=	Dreadnoughts 4 (PA Taylor)	2234
98=	Windy's Warriors (G Miller)	2234
98=	Cranes Flyers 4 (RJ Crane)	2234

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by May 19. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-146)

Category A

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
C J Adams (001)	150 (138)	0 (0)	5 (3)	260 (208)
G F Archer (002)	44 (18)	1 (1)	4 (4)	124 (98)
M A Atherton (003)	88 (88)	0 (0)	1 (1)	113 (113)
C W J Athey (004)	288 (197)	0 (0)	0 (0)	308 (207)
R J Bailey (005)	149 (134)	1 (1)	2 (1)	219 (184)
K J Barnett (006)	38 (38)	0 (0)	0 (0)	38 (38)
D J Bicknell (007)	36 (32)	0 (0)	0 (0)	36 (32)
G S Blewett (008)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D C Boon (009)	159 (64)	0 (0)	4 (2)	244 (104)
P D Bowler (010)	98 (83)	0 (0)	2 (1)	143 (108)
A D Brown (011)	40 (40)	0 (0)	0 (0)	20 (20)
M A Butcher (012)	90 (90)	0 (0)	2 (2)	110 (130)
P A Cottey (013)	94 (31)	0 (0)	4 (4)	159 (91)
J P Crawley (014)	198 (198)	0 (0)	0 (0)	213 (213)
K M Curran (015)	91 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	96 (0)
M T G Elliott (016)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N H Fairbrother (017)	128 (128)	0 (0)	0 (0)	113 (113)
J E R Gallian (018)	113 (113)	0 (0)	4 (4)	163 (163)
M W Gatting (019)	194 (137)	0 (0)	5 (3)	279 (182)
G A Gooch (020)	35 (35)	0 (0)	3 (3)	95 (95)
M L Hayden (021)	179 (156)	4 (4)	2 (0)	289 (246)
D L Hemp (022)	51 (46)	0 (0)	2 (0)	71 (26)
G A Hick (023)	221 (204)	1 (1)	6 (2)	371 (274)
A J Hollioake (024)	72 (50)	4 (4)	0 (0)	152 (130)
N Hussain (025)	83 (83)	0 (0)	2 (2)	128 (128)
S P James (026)	308 (138)	0 (0)	2 (1)	368 (163)
D M Jones (027)	139 (96)	0 (0)	4 (4)	224 (181)
J H Kallis (028)	113 (72)	9 (5)	4 (2)	358 (197)
N V Knight (029)	104 (92)	0 (0)	2 (1)	149 (117)
J S Laney (030)	28 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	48 (0)
M N Lathwell (031)	66 (61)	0 (0)	1 (0)	71 (46)
G D Lloyd (032)	100 (100)	0 (0)	1 (1)	125 (125)
M B Loye (033)	75 (47)	0 (0)	1 (0)	95 (47)
M P Maynard (034)	51 (27)	0 (0)	2 (1)	91 (47)
A McGrath (035)	132 (118)	0 (0)	2 (2)	142 (128)
R R Montgomerie (036)	61 (28)	0 (0)	2 (1)	81 (48)
T M Moody (037)	102 (92)	0 (0)	2 (1)	147 (117)
H Morris (038)	228 (43)	0 (0)	2 (0)	278 (43)
M D Moxon (039)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T L Penney (040)	120 (120)	0 (0)	1 (1)	145 (145)
M R Ramprakash (041)	257 (55)	0 (0)	1 (0)	292 (55)
R T Robinson (042)	137 (7)	0 (0)	2 (0)	182 (7)
P V Simmons (043)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Slater (044)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B F Smith (045)	99 (99)	0 (0)	0 (0)	84 (104)
R A Smith (046)	190 (102)	0 (0)	0 (0)	175 (82)
A J Stewart (047)	121 (109)	0 (0)	4 (4)	186 (174)
M A Taylor (048)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G P Thorpe (049)	295 (212)	0 (0)	3 (2)	370 (262)
M P Vaughan (050)	146 (64)	2 (1)	1 (1)	211 (129)
T R Ward (051)	26 (26)	0 (0)	0 (0)	26 (26)
M E Waugh (052)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Waugh (053)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Wells (054)	160 (160)	0 (0)	0 (0)	165 (165)
V J Wells (055)	48 (42)	4 (4)	2 (2)	128 (162)
W P C Weston (056)	161 (139)	0 (0)	1 (1)	191 (169)

Category B

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
J J Whitaker (057)	45 (41)	0 (0)	2 (2)	45 (41)
D A Blenkiron (058)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D Byas (059)	210 (119)	0 (0)	1 (0)	240 (124)
M E Cassar (060)	33 (33)	1 (1)	0 (0)	53 (53)
G R Cowdrey (061)	144 (144)	0 (0)	0 (0)	149 (149)
R J Cunliffe (062)	149 (100)	0 (0)	1 (1)	169 (120)
T S Curtis (063)	4 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (0)
A Dale (064)	143 (71)	3 (2)	0 (0)	188 (96)
J A Daley (065)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R I Dawson (066)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M P Dowman (067)	75 (20)	2 (2)	0 (0)	115 (60)
A W Evans (068)	3 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (3)
A Flintoff (069)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A Fordham (070)	44 (44)	0 (0)	2 (2)	84 (84)
D P Fulton (071)	25 (25)	0 (0)	1 (1)	45 (45)
A P Grayson (072)	154 (116)	5 (4)	3 (3)	319 (261)
K Greenfield (073)	115 (91)	1 (1)	1 (0)	135 (111)
A Habib (074)	190 (137)	0 (0)	3 (1)	255 (162)
T H C Hancock (075)	77 (66)	1 (0)	3 (0)	157 (66)
R J Harden (076)	177 (177)	0 (0)	2 (2)	232 (232)
J C Harrison (077)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A N Hayhurst (078)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G R Haynes (079)	120 (63)	5 (2)	2 (2)	260 (143)
D R Hewson (080)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Hibbert (081)	17 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)	77 (0)
T P Hodgson (082)	113 (113)	0 (0)	1 (1)	143 (143)
P C L Holloway (083)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
W J House (084)	112 (106)	0 (0)	3 (1)	177 (131)
S Hutton (085)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Johnson (086)	273 (155)	0 (0)	3 (2)	348 (205)
M Keech (087)	46 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	66 (0)
W S Kendall (088)	156 (89)	0 (0)	2 (0)	196 (89)
G J Kennis (089)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R A Kettleborough (090)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G A Khan (091)	108 (46)	0 (0)	0 (0)	113 (46)
W G Khan (092)	43 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	63 (0)
D A Leatherdale (093)	23 (15)	3 (2)	0 (0)	83 (55)
N J Lenham (094)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J J B Lewis (095)	64 (34)	0 (0)	3 (1)	124 (54)
N J Llong (096)	72 (72)	1 (1)	0 (0)	92 (92)
M A Lynch (097)	230 (70)	0 (0)	2 (2)	280 (110)
G I Macmillan (098)	39 (12)	0 (0)	1 (0)	59 (12)
D L Maddy (099)	181 (111)	1 (0)	5 (4)	301 (191)
M R May (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P C McKeown (101)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A A Metcalfe (102)	36 (36)	0 (0)	0 (0)	36 (36)
S P Moffat (103)	98 (98)	0 (0)	2 (1)	143 (123)
A J Moles (104)	39 (39)	0 (0)	1 (1)	59 (59)
J E Morris (105)	235 (197)	0 (0)	0 (0)	241 (212)
K Newell (106)	89 (59)	2 (1)	0 (0)	129 (79)
D P Ostler (107)	96 (45)	0 (0)	3 (1)	161 (65)
J E Owen (108)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K A Parsons (109)	2 (2)	3 (3)	3 (3)	122 (122)
S D Peters (110)	102 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	132 (0)
P R Pollard (111)	52 (19)	0 (0)	4 (3)	132 (79)
J C Pooley (112)	97 (63)	0 (0)	3 (3)	157 (123)
M J Powell (113)	20 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	60 (0)
P J Prichard (114)	159 (87)	0 (0)	2 (1)	209 (112)
T A Radford (115)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R K Rao (116)	85 (65)	1 (0)	0 (0)	90 (70)
J D Ratcliffe (117)	46 (46)	2 (2)	0 (0)	66 (66)
D J Roberts (118)	18 (18)	0 (0)	1 (1)	38 (38)
D D J Robinson (119)	86 (27)	0 (0)	1 (1)	111 (47)
A S Rollins (120)	20 (20)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (20)
M A Roseberry (121)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Sales (122)	10 (10)	0 (0)	0 (0)	10 (10)
O A Shah (123)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N Shahid (124)	129 (97)	0 (0)	2 (2)	169 (137)
A Singh (125)	156 (6)	0 (0)	1 (0)	186 (6)
E T Smith (126)	172 (91)	0 (0)	1 (1)	202 (116)
N J Speak (127)	161 (36)	0 (0)	1 (0)	146 (16)
K R Spiring (128)	135 (60)	0 (0)	2 (0)	160 (40)
J P Stephenson (129)	92 (65)	10 (4)	4 (4)	372 (225)
I J Sutcliffe (130)	9 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (0)
A J Swann (131)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N R Taylor (132)	182 (152)	0 (0)	3 (3)	247 (217)
S P Titchard (133)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N J Trainor (134)	79 (41)	0 (0)	0 (0)	59 (21)
M E Trescothick (135)	24 (20)	0 (0)	1 (0)	44 (20)
T A Tweats (136)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Walker (137)	74 (74)	0 (0)	1 (1)	94 (94)
M A Wagh (138)	69 (65)	3 (3)	3 (1)	174 (150)
C D Walsh (139)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T C Walton (140)	35 (35)	0 (0)	1 (1)	55 (55)
P E Wellings (141)	13 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	33 (0)
R M S Weston (142)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P R Whitaker (143)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G W White (144)	136 (136)	0 (0)	1 (1)	161 (161)
M G N Windows (145)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Wright (146)	76 (28)	0 (0)	2 (2)	96 (48)

All-rounders (147-185)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
M W Alleyne (147)	187 (89)	11 (9)	2 (1)	467 (304)
I D Austin (148)	38 (38)	7 (7)	0 (0)	138 (138)
M G Bevan (149)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D R Brown (150)	185 (185)	13 (7)	1 (0)	455 (335)
G P Butcher (151)	30 (24)	4 (1)	1 (1)	110 (64)
D J Capel (152)	47 (26)	1 (1)	1 (0)	87 (46)
P D Collingwood (153)	124 (99)	0 (0)	2 (1)	189 (124)
D G Cork (154)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R D B Croft (155)	204 (118)	14 (10)	3 (3)	584 (393)
P A J DeFreitas (156)	47 (47)	8 (7)	1 (1)	237 (217)
V C Drakes (157)	1 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	21 (0)
K P Dutch (158)	22 (22)	2 (2)	0 (0)	62 (62)
M A Ealham (159)	104 (104)	6 (6)	1 (1)	259 (259)
S C Ecclestone (160)	31 (31)	0 (0)	1 (1)	51 (51)
K P Evans (161)	31 (31)	11 (8)	2 (2)	281 (241)
M V Fleming (162)	52 (52)	6 (6)	0 (0)	172 (172)
J P Hewitt (163)	14 (14)	15 (6)	1 (1)	294 (134)
K J Innes (164)	8 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (8)
R C Irani (165)	15 (15)	2 (2)	0 (0)	55 (55)
K D James (166)	113 (113)	3 (2)	1 (1)	203 (183)
B P Julian (167)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Lampitt (168)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D R Law (169)	218 (137)	8 (3)	9 (0)	398 (202)
S G Law (170)	194 (194)	0 (0)	3 (3)	269 (269)
C C Lewis (171)	7 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	47 (21)
A C Morris (172)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A L Penberthy (173)	150 (94)	0 (0)	1 (1)	175 (119)
G M Roberts (174)	28 (28)	0 (0)	0 (0)	28 (28)
N M K Smith (175)	98 (43)	1 (1)	2 (2)	163 (103)
J N Snape (176)	29 (22)	10 (9)	3 (2)	289 (252)
V S Solanki (177)	201 (170)	0 (0)	0 (0)	211 (180)
P A Strang (178)	64 (64)	6 (6)	2 (2)	224 (224)
C M Tolley (179)	131 (40)	7 (3)	1 (0)	298 (100)
Wasim Akram (180)	20 (20)	5 (5)	1 (1)	140 (140)
M Watkinson (181)	15 (15)	3 (3)	1 (1)	95 (95)
P N Weekes (182)	153 (142)	5 (4)	5 (2)	358 (267)
C M Wells (183)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
C White (184)	64 (39)	6 (6)	4 (2)	224 (159)
S Young (185)	94 (15)	10 (7)	2 (1)	339 (175)

Wicketkeepers (186-216)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
A N Aymes (186)	57 (39)	0 (0)	5/2 (4/2)	237 (199)
J N Batty (187)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R J Blakey (188)	83 (74)	0 (0)	9/1 (5)	303 (174)
K R Brown (189)	240 (96)	0 (0)	8/1 (5/1)	455 (241)
M Burns (190)	148 (66)	2 (2)	3 (3)	238 (151)
C A Chapman (191)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
I Dawood (192)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T Frost (193)	4 (4)	0 (0)	7/1 (5)	164 (84)
S P Griffiths (194)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
I A Healy (195)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
W K Hegg (196)	27 (27)	0 (0)	8/2 (8/2)	267 (267)
B J Hyam (197)	23 (4)	0 (0)	5 (2)	103 (24)
D A Kenway (198)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K M Krikken (199)	49 (49)	0 (0)	9 (8)	229 (209)
D G C Ligertwood (200)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S A Marsh (201)	63 (63)	0 (0)	5 (5)	163 (163)
C P Metson (202)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Moores (203)	71 (45)	0 (0)	6 (5)	191 (145)
P A Nixon (204)	53 (44)	0 (0)	8/1 (6/1)	233 (184)
W M Noon (205)	32 (8)	0 (0)	9/1 (6/1)	252 (168)
K J Piper (206)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	41 (41)
S J Rhodes (207)	42 (3)	0 (0)	9 (5)	182 (83)
D Ripley (208)	53 (53)	0 (0)	4/1 (4/1)	153 (173)
R J Rollins (209)	4 (4)	0 (0)	1/3 (1/3)	144 (144)
R C Russell (210)	141 (74)	0 (0)	10/2 (5/2)	431 (259)
A D Shaw (211)	39 (31)	0 (0)	3/1 (0)	99 (31)
M P Speight (212)	167 (99)	0 (0)	9 (7)	352 (244)
R J Turner (213)	50 (40)	0 (0)	7 (5)	190 (140)
R J Warren (214)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Whitticase (215)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R C J Williams (216)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Bowlers (217-347)

Category A

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
J A Afford (217)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S J W Andrew (218)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	20 (0)
M C J Ball (219)	35 (10)	2 (1)	5 (4)	175 (110)
R T Bates (220)	4 (4)	3 (1)	1 (0)	64 (24)
J E Benjamin (221)	5 (4)	3 (2)	0 (0)	65 (44)
M M Betts (222)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M P Bicknell (223)	108 (34)	8 (6)	2 (2)	313 (194)
J N B Bovill (224)	8 (8)	4 (4)	1 (1)	88 (88)
M T Brimson (225)	25 (25)	5 (5)	2 (1)	145 (145)
S J E Brown (226)	31 (11)	8 (4)	1 (0)	171 (61)
A R Caddick (227)	29 (13)	15 (7)	1 (0)	359 (153)
G Chapple (228)	21 (21)	4 (4)	1 (1)	101 (101)
C A Connor (229)	23 (0)	4 (1)	0 (0)	83 (0)
A P Cowan (230)	38 (38)	5 (5)	0 (0)	138 (138)
D M Cox (231)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R P Davis (232)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	40 (40)
A A Donald (233)	12 (12)	13 (13)	1 (1)	292 (292)
A R C Fraser (234)	50 (15)	8 (4)	1 (1)	230 (115)
A F Giles (235)	137 (68)	15 (10)	1 (1)	442 (268)
J N Gillespie (236)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D Gough (237)	35 (7)	15 (9)	2 (1)	365 (187)
A J Harris (238)	27 (27)	8 (7)	2 (1)	227 (187)
P J Hartley (239)	37 (14)	4 (2)	1 (0)	117 (54)
D W Headley (240)	6 (6)	2 (2)	0 (0)	46 (46)
R K Illingworth (241)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M C Ilott (242)	17 (17)	4 (4)	0 (0)	77 (77)
P W Jarvis (243)	66 (40)	11 (9)	1 (0)	316 (230)
R L Johnson (244)	41 (23)	13 (10)	1 (0)	301 (203)
G Keedy (245)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R J Kirtley (246)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J D Lewry (247)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J McCague (248)	24 (24)	8 (8)	2 (2)	234 (234)
G D McGrath (249)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D E Malcolm (250)	0 (0)	16 (12)	0 (0)	300 (220)
P J Martin (251)	41 (41)	8 (8)	0 (0)	201 (201)
R J Maru (252)	69 (69)	3 (3)	3 (2)	189 (169)
D J Millns (253)	118 (117)	10 (7)	2 (1)	368 (287)
Mohammad Akram (254)	20 (0)	5 (0)	0 (0)	130 (0)
A D Mullally (255)	9 (2)	15 (9)	1 (0)	329 (182)
T A Munton (256)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (257)	24 (16)	8 (8)	1 (1)	214 (206)
P J Newport (258)	23 (12)	12 (2)	0 (0)	273 (52)
G J Parsons (259)	5 (4)	4 (2)	2 (2)	125 (84)
M M Patel (260)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R M Pearson (261)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A R K Pierson (262)	35 (35)	5 (5)	2 (2)	175 (175)
P R Reiffel (263)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G D Rose (264)	313 (204)	11 (7)	1 (1)	573 (374)
I D K Salisbury (265)	4 (3)	4 (4)	0 (0)	84 (83)
A Sheriyar (266)	13 (0)	7 (4)	0 (0)	153 (80)
K J Shine (267)	18 (1)	6 (3)	0 (0)	138 (61)
C E W Silverwood (268)	47 (36)	5 (2)	0 (0)	147 (76)
A M Smith (269)	38 (35)	16 (6)	1 (1)	408 (175)
R D Stemp (270)	10 (9)	14 (9)	0 (0)	250 (149)
P M Such (271)	2 (2)	12 (8)	0 (0)	252 (172)
J P Taylor (272)	7 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	67 (0)
P C R Tufnell (273)	17 (5)	3 (1)	1 (0)	97 (25)
S D Udal (274)	90 (19)	8 (7)	3 (3)	295 (198)
S K Warne (275)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Waqar Younis (276)	69 (57)	6 (5)	1 (0)	189 (137)
S L Watkin (277)	62 (44)	3 (2)	1 (1)	122 (84)
N F Williams (278)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Wood (279)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Category B

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Total
U Afzaal (280)	147 (147)	3 (3)	1 (1)	237 (237)
P Aldred (281)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D A Altree (282)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G J Batty (283)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M A V Bell (284)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Boiling (285)	25 (21)	4 (2)	5 (3)	185 (121)
M N Bowen (286)	20 (9)	9 (5)	1 (1)	220 (129)
J E Brinkley (287)	7 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (0)
J F Brown (288)	0 (0)	4 (4)	0 (0)	80 (80)
R J Chapman (289)	3 (0)	6 (5)	0 (0)	123 (100)
V P Clarke (290)	71 (61)	7 (6)	4 (4)	291 (261)
D A Cosker (291)	5 (5)	4 (4)	2 (2)	125 (125)
D M Cousins (292)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Davies (293)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K J Dean (294)	1 (1)	4 (1)	0 (0)	81 (21)
R R Dibden (295)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Dimond (296)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S W K Ellis (297)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J E Emburey (298)	13 (13)	1 (1)	1 (1)	53 (53)
R A Fay (299)	3 (3)	3 (1)	0 (0)	63 (23)
D Follett (300)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Foster (301)	54 (42)	7 (5)	2 (2)	234 (182)
P J Franks (302)	3 (3)	4 (3)	2 (2)	122 (103)
R J Green (303)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	20 (20)
G M Hamilton (304)	28 (17)	3 (3)	0 (0)	88 (77)
S Herzberg (305)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J E Hindson (306)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B C Hollioake (307)	64 (64)	1 (1)	0 (0)	84 (54)
J G Hughes (308)	0 (0)	3 (3)	0 (0)	60 (60)
P M Hutchison (309)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Igglesden (310)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J I D Kerr (311)	0 (0)	4 (4)	1 (0)	80 (80)
N Killeen (312)	25 (15)	9 (8)	1 (0)	205 (155)
J Lewis (313)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S Lugsden (314)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (315)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A D Mascarenhas (316)	22 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	42 (0)
T J Mason (317)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S M Milburn (318)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P W Nowell (319)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Ormond (320)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
O T Parkin (321)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (-20)
M W Patterson (322)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B J Phillips (323)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N C Phillips (324)	16 (13)	1 (1)	1 (1)	56 (33)
R A Pick (325)	8 (8)	1 (1)	0 (0)	28 (28)
N W Preston (326)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Rawnsley (327)	7 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (7)
S J Renshaw (328)	43 (22)	9 (2)	0 (0)	203 (42)
M A Robinson (329)	11 (2)	5 (3)	0 (0)	71 (42)
M J Saggers (330)	0 (0)	4 (4)	1 (1)	100 (100)
J P Searle (331)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Shadford (332)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K P Sheeraz (333)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	20 (20)
G C Small (334)	14 (14)	3 (3)	1 (1)	74 (74)
E J Stanford (335)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S D Thomas (336)	56 (54)	4 (3)	2 (2)	176 (154)
J B Thompson (337)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M J Thursfield (338)	34 (34)	2 (2)	1 (1)	94 (94)
H R J Trump (339)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A J Tudor (340)	27 (10)	6 (6)	0 (0)	137 (120)
M J Vandrau (341)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P van Troost (342)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A Walker (343)	10 (10)	11 (3)	0 (0)	230 (70)
G Welch (344)	68 (68)	9 (2)	1 (1)	248 (126)
A G Wharf (345)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T N Wren (346)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G Yates (347)	17 (17)	3 (3)	1 (1)	97 (97)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket and catch, and 40 points for each stumping.

Five bonus points are awarded for a half-century, ten bonus points are awarded for a century and for five wickets in an innings, and 20 bonus points are awarded for ten wickets in a match.

Twenty points are deducted for a duck.

All points scored in Test matches are doubled.

☐ Source: ECB/PA Cricket Record

Hitmen on target for Rowand

JOHN ROWAND, of Harefield, Uxbridge, is the winner of the weekly prize for the Interactive Team Cricket game.

Mr Rowand's team, Highgrove Hitmen, scored 2,254 points last week, just seven points ahead of his nearest rival, with Mark Alleyne, the Gloucestershire captain and all-rounder, the star of the team with 304 points.

This week's prize is a signed, and framed, England cricket shirt and a first edition of the PCA Year Book '97, signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association.

HIGHGROVE HITMEN Batsmen: G A Hick (Worcestershire), G P Thorpe (Surrey), A P Grayson (Essex), D L Maddy (Leicestershire), J P Stephenson (Hampshire) All-rounder: M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire) Wicketkeeper: K M Krikken (Derbyshire) Bowlers: S J E Brown (Durham), Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset), V P Clarke (Derbyshire), S M Milburn (Hampshire)

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

EACH team, depending on when it is registered, will be allocated a number of transfer allowances. If you register in May your team will be allocated ten transfers, in June you will be allocated eight transfers, in July six, in August four and in September two.

You may use as many or as few as you wish but they must replace like for like, ie one bowler for another bowler. All transfers must be made before a first-class match. Transfer periods will be set weekly and any transfers made in one transfer period will become effective for the matches which begin within the next transfer period.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Uefa Cup
Final, second leg
Internazionale (0) v Schalke 04 (1) (7.45)

World Cup
European qualifying group six
Slovakia v Czech Republic
(in Bratislava, 5.0)

European qualifying group eight
Ireland v Liechtenstein
(at Lansdowne Road, 7.30)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day four, 104 overs minimum

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Worcestershire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
HORSHAM: Sussex v Kent
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Middlesex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three) **Saffron Walden:** Essex v Sussex. **Pontarddulais:** Glamorgan v Kent. **Bristol:** Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Nottinghamshire. **Uxbridge:** Middlesex v Leicestershire. **Northampton:** Northamptonshire v Somerset. **Oxted:** Surrey v Yorkshire. **Stratford-upon-Avon:** Warwickshire v Lancashire. **Worcester:** Worcestershire v Durham

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (in Glasgow)
SPEEDWAY: **Elite League:** King's Lynn v Bradford (7.45). Poole v Belle Vue (7.30). **Premier League:** Long Eaton v Newcastle (7.45)
TENNIS: WTA world doubles Cup (in Edinburgh)

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Cantona captures spirit of the age

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

There are some athletes *who set the tone for the* times. They do more than merely dominate their sport. they seem somehow to encapsulate the period in *which they have their* being.

They become cultural icons. people inescapable even from those who have no interest in sport, an ineluctable topic of *conversation even for* those who hold sport in contempt. They are mere athletes, yet to see them merely as athletes is to misunderstand their importance.

Eric Cantona is, I suspect, *such a person. Certainly*, he has left his mark on his sport and on his time, but I am not altogether certain of his meaning. He is, or was, a man with high gifts as a footballer and yet, unusually for a man so fêted, he was always greatly respectful of his own gifts. His approach to his training was disciplined and dedicated. It *was only on the pitch that he* found or created his troubles.

He is also a man who seeks to push the limits — of his own skills, of his own medium of excellence, of his own possibilities. There is a nice word once bandied at me by Philip Howard, wordsmith of this parish — *ultracrepidarianism*. It means the talent of the cobbler who will not stick to his *last*.

Cantona, by his fantasies of himself as poet, artist and *actor, shows* himself football's great ultracrepidarianist and, by his ability to make a *reality* of fantasy football, he will remain in the memory a boundary-breaker, a man never satisfied with limitations, his *own or anybody else's*.

Does that make him a perfect product or even a maker of his time? I suspect so, but the fact is that we never *truly understand* our own era as it passes. Perhaps Cantona stands for *his time's refusal to* settle for the mundane, a throwing-off of the *self-imposed* restrictions of the past. We will understand that better in time's fullness.

We understand other iconic athletes better now that their time has passed. George Best, *for example, was* the Sixties — beautiful, brilliant and doomed. *He summed up the cruel* dignity and the pure beauty of failure.

Denis Compton was the icon of the post-war years — part throwback, part symbol *of aspiration. He represented* a national wish-fulfilment, that everything really *could* be made all right again, that the wounds of the terrible years could be healed. That life could be not only normal again, but have about it some aspect of beauty.

Ian Botham was the icon of the eighties — half-glorious, *half-odious. What was heroic* in sport became brutal jingoistic posturings in life. Hair dyed the colour of gold — or *iron pyrites* — like the Prime Minister he loved, there was part of Botham that summed up the callous, aspirational culture of the early Eighties.

Iconic athletes make their marks on history, even if inadvertently, yet few historians acknowledge this. Yet how can the history of Australia be told without Sir Donald Bradman? Even in his time, Bradman was clearly the best ever and perhaps the best there ever would be. He — *vide* Charles Williams's excellent *Bradman* — gave Australia *self-certainty. The fact* that he murdered the Mother Country showed how a new alignment in thinking was possible, perhaps inescapable. The Bodyline Series, a final cruelty by the botched civilisation that *still ruled, crystalised every* Australian feeling about the relationshsip between the two countries. It was time for the new.

Sir Learie Constantine did a similar thing for the nations of the Anglophone West Indies. He was a symbol of aspira*tion, achievement*, intelligence and equality. The tale is told in C. L. R. James's still unbeatable *Beyond a Boundary*, in which James also makes a powerful case for W. G. Grace as the central icon of the British Empire.

That might make him the greatest sporting icon in history, although he is, I think, shaded by Muhammad Ali. True, Ali has been sentimentalised in the re-written history of the United States, but the world outside America knows better.

Ali was about freedom, yes, but also about confrontation. He was not a Ghandi, *a man of peace*, as he is now portrayed. Ali was the loud-mouthed, flash-fisted foe of the establishment — and was hated. For his victories and his victimisation, he was loved by the oppressed *throughout* the world, hated and feared by the oppressors. Freedom, he *showed* the world, was as difficult and as dangerous as it is desirable.

Ali was the world's icon before he was America's and white America's love for him is largely retroactive. Ali was a potent emblem of his period, but, far more than any other *iconic athlete, he was as much a* creator as a creature of his time.

GOLF

New putter casts spell on Torrance and Rocca

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IF EVIDENCE was needed that golf is a fickle game, then Colin Montgomerie provided it as he swept to victory in the European qualifying round of the Andersen Consulting world championship at The *Buckinghamshire Golf Club* yesterday.

After putting woefully on Monday, when he sounded close to desperation, Montgomerie was magnificent in the semi-final and final. He *brushed aside the challenges* of Sam Torrance and Costantino Rocca, his Ryder Cup colleagues, with no more difficulty than he might have waved away an annoying fly from around his *forehead*.

Few golfers could have lived with Montgomerie the way he played yesterday, even allowing for the fact that matchplay encourages braveness because the maximum penalty for *failure* is loss of a hole. Montgomerie's tally of 13 bird*ies and one eagle for 28 holes* was exceptional. He was very long and straight from the tee, deadly accurate with his iron shots into the green and his putting was as good as it had been bad the day before — and it was all because of a tele*phone* call.

BT should consider employing *Montgomerie as a spokes*man after the benefit he gained from ringing Callaway on Monday and ordering three new putters to be delivered to his home. It certainly paid to talk, for Montgomerie earned more than £1,000 per hole yesterday.

On Monday night, Montgomerie practised with these *three putters on the carpet at* home. Yesterday morning, having selected one of them, he drove to the course through a damp, grey dawn. Not suprisingly, not many people were around and he had to *raise a security barrier to let* himself in. Then he put in 90 *minutes of practice before his* first match.

Rarely does a man reap a reward for his labours so quickly. After missing from eight feet on the 1st against Torrance, Montgomerie had *only 19 more putts*, including one three-putt, before finishing off his fellow Scot 6 and 4.

In the afternoon, he was even better in his 5 and 4 win against Rocca. He birdied six *holes* and had a *chance* of birdies at three others. Rocca, who had a tendency to wildness off the tee, was made to look second-rate as Montgomerie's drives found the middle of the fairways and his *second shots* plunged into the damp putting surfaces, rarely *more than 15 feet from the flag*.

Even on the 6th, where Rocca's drive was unusually straight and his pitch ended on the top tier no more than 12 feet from the flag, he could not match Montgomerie, whose *wedge ended three feet from* the hole. He sank the putt to *move to three up*.

Montgomerie was four up after nine and unlucky not to be farther ahead. Rocca holed good putts for halves on the 7th and the 9th, but it was not his day at all.

Montgomerie wears his considerable heart on his even more considerable *sleeve* and the grin that he wore last night was broad. All the gloominess of the previous day and the previous week had gone. He had not played as well as that, he said, since his first two events in 1996.

The name Tiger was men*tioned, as it is, seemingly, at* every golf event these days. Montgomerie beamed. The prospect of facing Woods did not seem so intimidating all of a sudden.

Eimear, his wife, had her fill of removal men, saying "Seven cups of tea, please, love" during their recent move to a new house. Now that her *husband has picked up* £130,000 in two days — and put himself *in line for a* minimum of £193,000 from the final stages in Arizona early next January — that problem can be resolved. She *can afford to buy each work*man his own tea plantation.

DETAILS

SEMI-FINALS: C Rocca (It) bt D Clarke (N Ire) at 19th, C Montgomerie (Scot) bt S Torrance (Scot) 6 and 4

FINAL: Montgomerie bt Rocca 5 and 4

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Rocca cannot hide his despair after another costly miss against Montgomerie

Hudson copes with stern examination

RACHEL BAILEY, of Whittington Heath, near *Lichfield*, and Rebecca Hudson, from Wheatley, in Yorkshire, shared the lead on 72, two under par, after the first round of qualifying for the English women's amateur championship at Saunton, Devon, yesterday (Patricia *Davies writes*).

Georgina Simpson, also *from Yorkshire*, was the only other person to break par as players struggled to cope with some tough pin positions.

Hudson, 17, whose score included five birdies, had no time for a practice round because she spent Monday afternoon on the road to *Devon after spending the* morning sitting an A level exam *in design technology*.

That was the written work. For her practical, she made an adjustable shooting stick designed to accommodate her *mother*, who is 4ft 10in, and her father, who is 5ft 10in.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *52*

CASSINE

(a) In the military language, a farmhouse where a number of ***soldiers have posted themselves, in order to make a stand*** **against the approaches of the enemy. From the Italian** *cassina* **a hut, the dimutive of** *cassa* **or** *casa* **a cottage.**

CONNUBIATE

(c) To get married. A nonce-word from the Latin *connubium* **marriage. The coiner was George, Lord Byron, in a letter to Moore of April 9, 1814: "I will connubiate and join you."**

CURIOSO

(b) In the 17th century usually one who is curious in matters of science and art. Later, an admirer or collector of curiosities, a connoisseur or virtuoso.

CARNY

(c) To act in a wheedling or coaxing manner. To wheedle, coax or cajole. Widely diffused in midland and southern dialects, from Whitby to Cornwall, but origin unknown.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Revelations from Vanessa

Vanessa Feltz (BBC2, 7.10pm)

The Chair
BBC2, 7.10pm

In a cross between *Face to Face* and *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*, Oliver James, the psychologist, questions well-known people about their childhoods, trying to establish how early experiences have moulded the adult personality. The first subject, Vanessa Feltz, the television presenter, provides excellent material. Before the interview is a few minutes old, she is owning up to an *Electra complex*, admitting that she worshipped her father and envied her mother's close *relationship with him*; but, Freudians may be disappointed to learn, it seems to have done her *little harm. There is, though, the compulsion, in an* otherwise blameless and admirable life, to binge *on cakes and chocolate. James does his best to elicit* dark motives.

Tomorrow's World
BBC1, 7.30pm

Cures for baldness are as elusive as the Loch Ness monster and usually no more credible — which does not stop people claiming to have the answer. The latest is a professor in Israel. As Jez Nelson reports, he hit upon his solution by accident. Called in to treat a 14-year-old girl with a head wound that would not heal, he applied his own brand of nutrient-rich jelly. Not only did the wound finally close, but the girl's hair grew back around it. Further tests suggest that the gel can stop hair loss, make existing hair grow thicker and stronger and encourage regrowth on bald areas. At this rate, the professor will soon be giving up his day job. The good news for baldies is accompanied by even better news for the disabled as *Tomorrow's World* highlights a machine that can read and interpret hand gestures.

Sharpe
ITV, 8.00pm

It is the one the fans have all been waiting for. In five series, Sean Bean's truculent Yorkshire upstart has never done battle with the emperor of France; but, as the credits roll, Napoleon has just escaped *from Elba and is back in Europe. We know what* happened at Waterloo, so the result is never in doubt. *Sharpe's contribution to victory is still* worth waiting for, though it begins badly when, insubordinate to the last, he is given the red card by his Dutch commanding officer — but he escapes the three-match ban. There is also more trouble on the matrimonial front, with the estranged Mrs Sharpe urging her lover to kill him before the French do. Filmed in Turkey with a cast of hundreds made to look like thousands, this final *Sharpe* episode has the benefit of an intelligent script by Charles Wood, a writer who has long illuminated the workings of the military mind.

Heroes of Comedy: Max Miller
Channel 4, 9.00pm

If not having the personal touch of Gerald Scarfe's BBC film about Max Miller, this is a worthy *tribute which covers the essential ground with an* appropriately light touch. Admirers including *George Melly, Victoria Wood and* Roy Hudd *make* a strong case for Miller as the country's greatest *stand-up comic. The evidence for this is not* complete for no visual record survives of Miller *doing what he did best*, playing before, and playing off, a live audience. His cinema and *television performances* were a watered-down version of an act that pushed to the limits of acceptable *taste without quite toppling over*. Nowadays, comedians go the whole way. Miller *went as far as he dared and left the audience to* supply the punchline. John Fisher's affectionate *tribute was first shown in 1995.* **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

20/20: A View of the Century
Radio 4, 7.45pm

This edition of *20/20* tackles the huge subject of the environment and in *45 minutes manages to* present a balanced picture of how far we have come and how far *there is to go*. Early conservationists were exclusively concerned with *the fate of animals, and it was several decades* before the narrow scientific understanding that the *fate of animals was indivisible from the fate of the* planet as a whole was given a wider audience. The programme *is by no means pessimistic*: both Jonathon Porritt, chairman of Forum for the *Future, and Greg Easterbrook, the writer, argue* that environmental concern has taken hold and Easterbrook sees the issue as the greatest achievement of postwar liberalism in the West.

Music Live 97
Radio 3, 4.00pm, Radio 2, 8.00pm

Just in case listeners around the country still think *that all the BBC's output comes from London W1. Music Live 97* is a week of programmes from *Manchester starting today with Choral Evensong* (Radio 3) and *Folk on 2* (Radio 2). Of course the real *criticism sometimes levelled at the Beeb is that its* programmes may not be London W1, but its *mindset is. Never mind: out in the sticks* we are always grateful to spot a BBC outside broadcast van. *Choral Evensong features the choir of* Manchester Cathedral under Christopher Stokes. *Folk on 2 features Tom Paxton (that famous* Mancunian), but there is also Michael *McGoldrick and Dezi Donnelly, who really* are Mancunians. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am *Mark Radcliffe* **9.00** *Simon Mayo* **12.00** *Jo Whiley* **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Session **8.30** Global Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Diane Louise Jordan **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Folk on Two. See Choice **9.00** Bright Young Things **9.30** Speaking Volumes **10.00** Magnificent Obsession **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** *The Magazine* **12.30pm** *Midday with Mair* **2.00** *Ruscoe on Five* **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Republic of Ireland v Liechtenstein **10.00** Dominik Diamond **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** *Newsday* **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.45** Sports **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Concert Hall **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Farming World **10.30** Science File **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sports International **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Wildtrack **1.30** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** *Megamix* **4.05** *Sport* **4.15** *Performance* **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business Report *5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German* **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** F.O.O.C. **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** *Meridian* Books **4.05** Business Report **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **9.00** The Hall of Fame Hour **10.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata **8.00** Classic Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs-Juges); Smetana (From My Homeland); Chabrier (Souvenirs de Munich)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Haydn (Cantata, Arianna a Naxos); Elgar (Violin Sonata in E minor, Op 82)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood *Thomas from the Brunswick Room at the* Guildhall, Bath. Live contributions from the Bath Camerata, directed by Nigel Perrin in 16th and 20th-century British choral music and Duncan McTier, double bass and Kathron Sturrock, piano, in music by Bottesini, Koussevitzky and Fauré
12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel
1.00pm ***News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert.*** A recital given last week in Studio I by Elizaveta Kopelman, *piano*. Haydn (Piano Sonata in G, H XVI 6); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 12, Nos 1, 5, 6 and 7); Barber (Piano Sonata)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Telemann (Concerto in E minor for Flute and Recorder)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Manchester Cathedral. See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine. Verity Sharp abandons her cello to join Fretwork to find out how playing the cello compares with playing the bass viol
5.15 ***In Tune,*** with Natalie Wheen
7.30 Vienna Philharmonic. Simon Rattle makes his *UK* debut with the Vienna Philharmonic on home territory — the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. *Haydn (Symphony No 70 in D)*; Strauss (Metamorphosen); Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique)
9.35 Young Indians. Noah Richler talks to the novelist Vikram Chandra about his novel *Love and Longing in Bombay*
10.00 Ensemble. Recital by the Britten-Pears Ensemble and *Iain Burnside, piano. Prokofiev (Overture on* Jewish Themes); Frank Martin (Piano Quintet); Strauss, *arr Schoenberg (Emperor Waltz)*
10.45 Night Waves. Tony Palmer talks to Deborah Solomon, author of a new biography of the American artist Joseph Cornell, *Utopia Parkway*
11.30 Composer of the Week: Lehar (r)
12.30am ***Jazz Notes.*** Jesse Stone talks to Alyn Shipton
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News **6.10** Farming *Today* ***6.25*** *Prayer for the Day* ***6.30*** *Today* ***8.40*** A Moment's Liberty (3/3) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Vice or Virtue. With Mark Lawson, Ann Leslie, Jonathan Porritt, Paul Vallely and A.N. Wilson
10.00 News; Survivors: Dr Herrema's Story (FM)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with *Lesley Riddoch*
12.25pm The Oldest Member, with Maurice Denham **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.56** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; ***The Hydro,*** *by Ronald Frame (4/4)*
2.45 Treasure Islands. Sarah Dunant investigates crime novels for young readers
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the new *Beavis and Butthead* film. *Plus* a look at the Bertrand Blier film, *Mon homme*
4.45 Short Story: Dead Trendy, *by Carol Clewlow*
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, *with John Waite*
7.45 20/20 A View of the Century. See Choice
8.30 Your Place or Mine? Eight documentaries *made* through collaborations between programme-makers from four countries
9.00 ***Eureka.*** *In* a new series, Barbara Myers meets scientists who have changed the world. Professor *Igor Aleksander believes machines can achieve* a type of consciousness and has programmed a computer to prove his theory
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzman (8/10)
11.00 Elvis 2 Oasis (FM)
11.00 Today in parliament (LW)
11.30 Kathmandu or Bust (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: A White Mare with Fins, by James Hawes (3/8)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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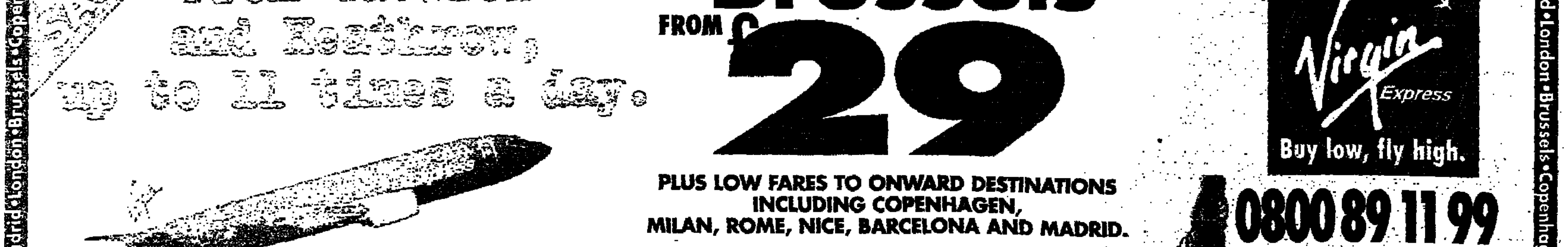

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Cloudy outlook? You need a Silver lining

The coming ban on tobacco sponsorship of sporting events produced the predicted yells of outrage from Big Tobacco, which claims that having its names and logos on the television screen via motor racing, snooker and cricket does not encourage people to smoke. This response suggest that when Marlboro Man is not inhaling smoke, he is exhaling codswallop.

Television is the fastest and most effective way to disseminate a message, which is why direct tobacco advertising was banned from our screens years ago. The power of television to sell, cajole, inspire, persuade and infuriate is quite unprecedented. These powers are only denied by television executives seeking to present themselves as mere music-hall entertainers, and giant corporations seeking to suggest that they spend shareholders' money on commercials for the sheer hell of it.

Those of us who watch — and those of us who watch children grow up — know differently. Call me obtuse, but for evidence let me point you to page 14 of the latest *Innovations*, one of those magazines that falls out of the Sunday papers. The first sentence of the puff for the BayGen Freeplay wind-up radio reads: "This astonishing wind-up radio was the subject of a BBCI *QED* programme in which it received the personal endorsement of South African President Nelson Mandela."

So there you are: the greatest thing about the BayGen (and it *is* a great thing) is not that it requires no batteries, but that it has the endorsement of a respectable television programme. Even more interesting, the BayGen, designed to bring cheap radio to poor people, became a rip-roaring success after it featured on *QED*.

This was good news for Trevor Baylis, BayGen's inventor, and I suspect it will be good news for Dr Jack Silver, a British lecturer in physics.

Dr Silver has invented a remarkable pair of spectacles which could transform the lives of poor people with poor eyesight. I would bet that this very day, his telephone will be ringing off the hook as manufacturers queue to mass-produce the spectacles.

Until the transmission last night of **QED: Super Specs** (BBCI), Dr Silver had enjoyed little luck in attempting to find commercial sponsors — and he has been working on the spectacles for ten years. But *QED*, always among the best of documentary programmes, is back for a summer run in the nick of time.

The Silver specs are like all great inventions: slightly daft and utterly simple. The lenses consist of two pieces of plastic held together by a metal frame. Between the lenses is injected silicon oil, and by a process of injecting more oil through a syringe, the lens adjusts itself to suit the wearer's needs. It is cheap and, by golly, it works.

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

QED went with Dr Silver to a village in the east of Ghana, where a pair of normal spectacles costs a year's wages. Dr Silver's expedition, helped by cash from the Foreign Office's Department for Industrial Development, was a low-key affair but it produced spectacular results.

The local chief fisherman (a title to die for) propped the specs on his nose and, with a few silicon adjustments, found himself able to mend nets that had been a blur. The village tailor, a lovely, grinning man called Henry, simply whizzed through his sewing, even though he had been fired from a garment factory because his eyesight was so poor.

Henry was a man of few words, but he found the right few words elegantly to describe what Dr Silver's spectacles had done for him: "You have helped me to improve my work. Thank you."

The potential for Dr Silver's specs is tremendous. Ghana is making sterling efforts to deal with its adult literacy problem, but this is exacerbated by the number of people who cannot read in the literal sense: they cannot make out the shape of the words. Dr Silver took his device to one of the classes, with dramatic results.

Programmes like this, and their likely outcome, make up for all the trite trash on the box. But of course there is lots of so-so programming between the trite and the terrific, including **Moving People** (Channel 4). Introduced by John Peel at his most avuncular, this series returned last night to prove that the mundane can be fascinating if we all identify with it.

And who has not moved house? The three movers last night were from vastly different backgrounds and included a family of three escaping from a one-bed flat in a tower block ("you don't have to watch *The Bill*, just look out of the window") to a little terraced house that was a mansion to its new occupants.

Peggy Chew, a widow aged 70, was moving to smaller premises because the heating bills in her house had become too much. It was a sad parting but Peggy soon realised that there is more to living than a vanful of possessions. Her new flat was just the ticket: "I feel on top of the world," she said.

There was also the Rutty family: Martin, Alison and four children. Martin is a biggish shot in the courier business, turnover £7 million, and the family was moving from a nice big house to a whacking great Gothic pile that looked, in certain moody shots, like mother's house in *Psycho*.

Martin was laid back: "I don't believe in stress. Stress is simply the inability to cope with pressure." Alison appeared to be more into stress than Martin, but it became clear why this was so. While Alison stood inside the new house announcing that "I shall be a month scrubbing this place", Martin was arriving on the lawn outside. In his helicopter.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14808)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (61995)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3833624)
9.20 Style Challenge (6377841)
9.45 Kilroy (7639889)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (38228)
11.00 News (T) (7473334)
11.05 The Great Escape Real-life travel stories (7830334)
11.35 Real Rooms A Staffordshire viewer's plain bathroom is given a vibrant appeal (1593268)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8000605)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (8748711)
12.35 The Practice (9189711)
1.00 News (T) and weather (64082)
1.30 Regional News (86423624)
1.40 The Weather Show (99692711)
1.45 Neighbours (40512353)
2.10 A-Z of Food (10334402)
2.20 Racing from Goodwood Coverage of the **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races (1777334)
3.50 Monster Cafe (6494773) **4.05** The New Yogi Bear Show (5324773) **4.15** Gadget Boy (4865082) **4.35** Out of Tune (1092179) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4243711) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6029537)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (201792)
6.00 News (T) and weather (773)
6.30 Regional News (353)
7.00 Crimewatch: Hot Property Jill Dando and the *Crimewatch UK* team present the first in a new series aiming to reunite members of the public with their stolen valuables and offer advice on the best ways to protect property (4315)
7.30 CHOICE **Tomorrow's World** An Israeli doctor claims a special nutrient jelly can cure baldness. Plus, a pioneering machine that is helping disabled people to communicate (537)
8.00 The National Lottery Live Carol Smillie hosts the millionaire-making draw, featuring music by Wynona who performs her latest single, *Making My Way* (T) (709150)
8.10 Ballykissangel Quigley's decision to move into politics is jeopardised by the arrival of a muck-raking reporter, an old flame of Assumpta's. Last in series (r) (T) (127044)
9.00 News (T) and weather (8112)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly Gary staggers home to find girlfriend Dorothy in bed with best mate Tony (r) (T) (69686)
10.00 They Think It's All Over With guests Ron Atkinson and Zoë Ball (T) (879537)
10.35 Internal Affairs (1990) With Richard FILM Gere as a crooked cop involved in a variety of dubious money-making scams who comes under intense scrutiny from young police investigator Andy Garcia. *Directed by Mike Figgis (15611565)*
12.25am Moon Over Parador (1988) Farce, FILM with Raul Julia, Sammy Davis Jr and Sonia Braga. A bewildered Richard Dreyfuss is persuaded to impersonate a recently deceased Latin-American dictator. Directed by Paul Mazursky (710629)
2.05 Weather (2420464)

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BBC2

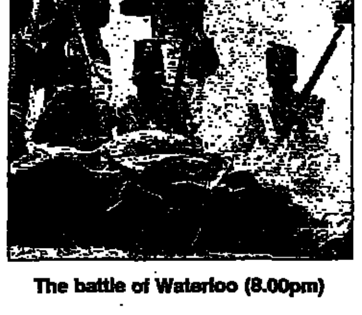
6.00am Open University: The Founding of the Royal Society (8109179) **6.25** On the Right Track: Computerised railway signalling (8188686) **6.50** Pyramids, Plato and Football (8879599) **7.15** News (T) (3561889) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (8776841) **7.55** Activ-8 (1873599) **8.20** Philbert the Frog (3875570) **8.25** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (6089150) **8.35** The Record (r) (3967773) **9.00** Discovering Portuguese (6395247) **9.25** Geography Programme (3810773) **9.45** Words and Pictures (7204131) **10.00** Teletubbies (25605) **10.30** Numbertime (6494179) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (6482334) **11.00** Marsalis on Music (68808) **12.00** The Shape of the World (43150) (T) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (70792) **1.00** Liteschool (22071686) **1.25** Zig Zag (70237599) **1.45** Come Outside (86400773) **2.00** Philbert the Frog (30795976) **2.05** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (30794247) **2.10** The Flying Vet (933315) **2.30** News (8410247) **2.35** Westminster with Nick Ross. Including Prime Minister's Question Time (8648624) **3.55** News (T) (5244179) **4.00** Blockbusters (5221228) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5224315) **4.55** Esther (r) (9252353) **5.25** Today's *the Day (6006686) **5.55** Turning Points (r)* (955537)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) (129529) **6.45** Au Revoir Cantona (T) (364421)
7.10 CHOICE **The Chair** In the first of a series of intimate interviews by pyschologist Oliver James, the television presenter Vanessa Feltz talks candidly about her childhood love for her father, her interest in sex and how her desire to be a "good girl" fuelled her craving for food (695063)
7.30 Black Britain Rianna Scipio asks what Diane Abbott, Paul Boateng, Bernie Grant and Keith Vaz have achieved since they became the first black MPs (T) (179)
8.00 University Challenge The first semi-final is between Magdalen College, Oxford, and Manchester University (T) (1605)
8.30 Home Front Kevin McCloud reveals how to choose and use colours with confidence (T) (8452)
9.00 Chelsea Flower Show The gardeners' annual showpiece surveyed (T) (152686)
9.50 Clive Anderson Is Our Man In ... the Bronx (r) (T) (619082)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (T) (549044)

Ruby Wax entertains (11.15pm)

11.15 Ruby Among the guests is Hugh Laurie (874402)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (54280)
12.30am Learning Zone: Seal Secrets (35613) **1.00** Walking and Running **1.30** Swimming in Fish (48822) **2.00** Special Needs (14483) **4.00** English Heritage (84613) **4.30** Unicef in the Classroom (22396) **5.00** Basic Skills (77358) **5.30-5.59** Voluntary Matters (62209)

HTV WEST

6.00am GMTV (4486082)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6385860)
9.55 Regional News (3710995)
***10.00 The Time, the Place** (12131)*
10.30 This Morning (62639266)
12.20pm Regional News (8006889)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9182808)
12.55 Shortland Street (9167599) **1.24** HTV Crimestoppers (85702518) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70248605) **1.50** Afternoon Live (40595686) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (40783957)
2.50 Afternoon Live (2402537)
3.20 News (T) (6165995)
3.25 Regional News (T) (6164266)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (6418353) **3.40** Tots TV (r) (7039860) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (r) (5232334) **3.55** Sooty and Co (r) (8978334) **4.20** Tiny Toon Adventures (7337518) **4.40** Harry's Mad (r) (T) (9250995)
***5.10 Bagdad Cafe** (r) (7738421)*
5.40 News (T) and weather (444570)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (228995) **6.25 HTV Weather** (104976)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (421)
7.00 Emmerdale The Sugdens make the Cairns an offer they can't refuse (T) (2711)
7.30 Coronation Street Samantha and Jim enjoy a cosy night in (T) (605)



The battle of Waterloo (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Sharpe: Sharpe's Waterloo** With Sean Bean. Last in series. Followed by National Lottery Result (4402)
10.00 News (T) and weather (48605)
10.30 Regional News (T) (259112)
10.40 Western Lights Ageing hippy Simon has to grow up fast and become a responsible father to his estranged daughter. But that leaves him just one week to seduce his new lodger. With Jonathan Morris, Jenny Agutter and Laura Fraser (465247)
11.10 Tagget (1990) with Daniel J. Travanti, FILM Roxanne Hart and Stephen Tobolowski. Violent thriller about a disabled Vietnam vet whose returning memory of a dirty tricks operation places his life in danger. Directed by Richard T. Heffron (803402)
12.35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club *(9402938)*
1.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (4171754)
1.30 Quicker Than the Eye (1989) with Ben FILM Gazzara, Mary Crosby and Catherine Jarrett. An American magician and his assistant unwittingly become embroiled in an assassination plot. Directed by Nicolas Gessner (230025)
3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (49096984) **3.35** Not Fade Away (r) (7665803) **4.30** The Time, the Place (r) (19822) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (91984) **5.30** News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9167599)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7738421)
6.25-7.00 Central News (586792)
10.40 Film: Frankenstein Unbound (55300131)
12.15am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (45261)
12.45 Dating the Enemy (617006)
1.45 Bonkers (606990)
2.45 The Chart Show (1215254)
3.40 Comedy Central (7584964)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (8906044)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22077660)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7738421)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (82537)
10.30 Westcountry News (273792)
10.45 Richard Digance: For One Night Only (302624)
11.45 Swift Justice (405421)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9167599)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7738421)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (841)
6.30-7.00 Waterlines (421)
10.40 The Road Show (465247)
11.10 The Bottom Line (643537)
11.40 Swift Justice (231773)

ANGLIA

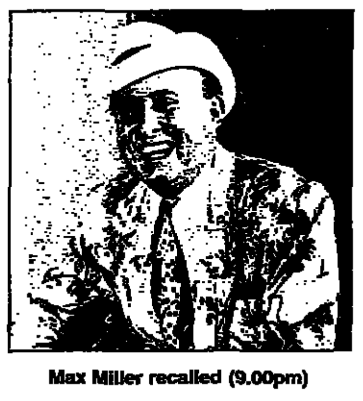
As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9167599)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7738421)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (586792)
10.40 Film: Prince of Darkness (39979716)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (37678)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (54605)
9.00 Bewitched (58082)
9.30 Ysgolion (987082)
***12.00 House to House** (45518)*
12.30pm Ricki Lake (65860)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (36675060)
1.15 Lisabeth (31625565)
1.30 Film: The House on 92nd Street (34149063)
3.10 Fishing the Sloe-Black River (9267529)
3.30 Collectors' Lot (599)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (334)
4.30 Mrs Cohen's Money (518)
5.00 5 Pump (8978063)
5.15 Ffeil (4222228)
5.30 Countdown (570)
6.00 Newyddion (842624)
6.05 Heno (206773)
6.35 Sion a Sian (111266)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (316044)
7.25 Ffermio (674841)
8.00 Elinor (6773)
8.30 Newyddion (5808)
9.00 Spin City (4150)
9.30 Roseanne (85624)
10.00 Brookside (862247)
10.35 ER (631709)
11.30 Caroline in the City (925860)
12.05am Under the Moon (41083984)
4.00-5.10 Ysgolion (7302260)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (37678) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (54605) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (58082)
9.30 Schools: Geography Junction (T) **9.45** Book Box (T) **10.00** Stage Two Science (T) **10.15** TV: Friend or Foe? **10.45** GNVQ — Is It For You? **11.07** Lost Animals **11.15** The Mix (T) **11.30** Archwylio **11.45** Backtracks (987082)
12.00 House to House (45518)
12.30pm Light Lunch. The guests are Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman (68686)
1.30 Uncle Silas (1947, b/w) with Jean FILM Simmons and Derrick de Marney. A 17-year-old girl goes to live with her uncle and discovers that her life is at risk. *Directed by Charles Frank (T)* Followed by **Soak it Up** (T) (98421)
3.30 Collectors' Lot Includes advice on evening courses on antique and collecting appreciation (T) (599)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (334)
***4.30 Countdown** (T) (518)*
5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (7889)
5.30 Pet Rescue After a lot of work from the RSPCA, Sheba, the boisterous hound, is looking for home number five (T) (570)
6.00 Party of Five Teen comedy drama series (T) (824137)
6.50 Fresh Pop (875112)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (828173)
7.50 Soak it Up A workshop that gives instruction in the skill of storytelling (r) (T) (705583)
8.00 Brookside Will anybody notice that Susannah cannot cope? Is trouble brewing between Mick and Sinbad? Will Rachel take a friend's advice? (T) (6773)
8.30 Planet Showbiz Mark Lamarr meets Mark Bennett, a Beverly Hills postman who was so obsessed with television when he was a child that he was diagnosed as a TV addict and is still in therapy (T) (4/8) (5808)



Max Miller recalled (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Heroes of Comedy: Max Miller** A tribute to the "Cheekie Chappie". Among those contributing are Bob Monkhouse and Victoria Wood (r) (T) (1792)
10.00 ER: Random Acts American hospital drama series. Ross becomes a golf fanatic; Carla has pre-natal problems. Dr Greene is attacked (T) (1179)
11.00 Friends Ross plans life with Rachel, which she begins to resent (r) (T) (6995)
11.30 Roseanne Darlene gives birth; the baby's not healthy (T) (925860)
12.05am Under the Moon Sports magazine. *Includes, at **2.30, NBA XXL** (41083984)*
4.00 Schools: Eureka! (T) (7302280)
5.10 Stealing Home A New Zealand short about a kleptomaniac old lady (r) (5407700)
5.25-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (7273434)

CHANNEL 5

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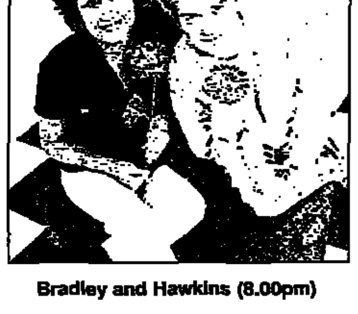
6.00am 5 News Early (8599711)
7.30 Havakazoo (5344131) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8294353) **8.30** Wideworld (8293624)
9.00 Espresso (2231976) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7818889) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (r) (8273860)
11.00 Leeza (9940860) **11.50** Double Espresso (34241150) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8264112) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4376131)
1.00 5 News Update (49692150) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3353773) **2.00** 5's Company (7875402)
3.30 A Special Kind of Love (1978) with FILM Charles Durning, Irene Tedrow and Phil Brown. Emotive drama about a widower's efforts to keep his family together. Directed by Lee Phillips (3122044)
***5.20 5's Company: Late Extra** (35130773)*
5.30 100 Per Cent host (9046353)
6.00 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T) (9043266)
6.30 Family Affairs Chris has an accident while working in the conservatory (T) (9034518)
7.00 Exclusive News from the world of entertainment with Jonothan Coleman, Julia Bradbury and Jason Roberts (2114529)
7.30 Animal Omens: Treasure Bearers *Documentary about animals' use of technology* (T) (9023402)



Bradley and Hawkins (8.00pm)

8.00 The Great Garden Game hosted by Clare Bradley and Paul Hawkins from the gardens at Syon House, Brentford, Middlesex, where the contestants are *challenged to create the perfect hanging* basket (T) (6819137)
8.30 5 News (7364222)
9.00 Night Owl (1993) with Jennifer Beals, FILM James Wilder and Karen Hartman-Golden. Drama in which a woman tries to stop her husband succumbing to the charms of a deadly late-night radio host. Directed by Matthew Patrick (77796093)
10.40 Exclusive Extra (7460547)
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5606228)
11.40 Tibs and Fibs Medical quiz presented by *Tony Slattery, with Hilary Jones (5017537)*
12.10am Live and Dangerous Includes, at **1.00**, baseball from the American Major League (89616325)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4948629)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2116613)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (360686) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (84179) **10.00** Another World (99792) **11.00** Days of Our Lives *(86229)* **12.00** *Oprah Winfrey* (21501) **1.00pm** Geraldo (22179) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77082) **3.00** Jenny Jones (15315) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (27150) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4570) **6.00** Real TV (9353) **6.30** Married — with Children (7155) **7.00** The Simpsons (2599) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6889) **8.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (54792) **9.00** *Melrose Place (41228)* **10.00** Silk Stalkings (44315) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (90421) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (87532) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (71483) **1.00** Hit Mix (3901025)

SKY 2

7.00pm *Superboy* (3083518) **7.30** Superboy (3863860) **8.00** Renegade (7002518) **9.00** New York Undercover (7015082) **10.00** Water Rats (7085841) **11.00** Late Show (4935605) **12.00** Hit Mix (4192006)

SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

6.00am Downhill Racer (1969) (43745) **8.00 Tender is the Night (1961)** *(90804995)* ***10.45 Dad (1989)*** (714911) **12.45pm Sleep, Baby, Sleep (1995)** (386860) **2.15 Jules Verne's 800 Leagues Down the Amazon (1994)** (907353) **3.45 Downhill Racer (1969)** (186518) **5.30 Sleep, Baby, Sleep (1995)** (78599) **7.00 D2: The Mighty Ducks (1995)** (96605) **9.00 Sahara (1995)** (59247) **11.00 Red Shoe Diaries: Night of Abandon (1995)** (65732) **12.30am Johnny Dangerously (1984)** (13280) **2.00 I'll Do Anything (1994)** (951395) **3.55 D2: The Mighty Ducks (1995)** (49194087)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Seventh Victim (1943) (8478315) **7.15 Youth Runs Wild (1944)** (3670082) **8.25 Alone in the Woods (1995)** (76672063) **10.00 The Curse of the Cat People (1944)** (5215334) **11.10 I Walked with a Zombie (1943)** (3475624) **12.20pm Tender Mercies (1982)** (235083) **2.00 Nocturne (1946)** (66537) **4.00 Alone in the Woods (1995)** (7044) **6.00 Bigfoot: The Unforgettable Encounter (1994)** (52570) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (9599) **8.00 Miami Rhapsody (1995)** (58518) **10.00 Hostile Intentions (1994)** (71605) **11.30 Jefferson in Paris (1995)** (59417402) **1.50am Schemes (1995)** (850803) **3.30 Red Shoe Diaries: The Game (1995)** (5582716) **4.50 Black Tulip (1988)** (9138822)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Rachel and the Stranger (1948) (2702112) **8.00 Kiss Me Goodbye (1982)** (2714957) **10.00 The Italian Job (1969)** (8690353) ***11.45 Stand by Me (1986)*** (3814421) **1.15am Out of the Darkness (1985)** (5135209) **2.50-5.10 Pocketful of Miracles (1961)** (30620025)

TNT

9.00pm *North by Northwest* (1959) *(75384976)* **11.30 Arsenic and Old Lace (1942)** (50590599) **1.30am The Gazebo (1959)** (23172483) **3.15-6.00 The Man Who Laughs (1966)** (30507648)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (30063) **7.30** Wrestling: *Live Wire* (25421) **8.30** Racing News (30599) **9.00** Sports Centre (54179) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (81711) **10.00** Golf: Andersen Consulting Championship (78247) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (34315) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (99518) **2.30** NBA Basketball (97063) **4.30** Football Hall of Fame (4841) **4.59** Sports Centre (6247402) **5.00** Wrestling: *Shotgun Challenge* (9044) **6.00** Sports Centre (5334) **6.30** Full Throttle (8696) **7.00** The Pavilion End (35286) **7.59** Sports Centre (276112) **8.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (89402) **10.00** Sports Centre (95044) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (44792) **11.00** The Pavilion End (49711) **12.00** Sports Centre (77396) **1.00am** World of Super League (17193) **2.30** Full Throttle (22464) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (62919)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Pro Beach Soccer (85889082) **1.00pm** Golf Extra (31983808) **4.00** Skiff Sailing (23424711) *4.30 Sports Unlimited* (39724402) **5.30** Iron Woman (23411247) **6.00** The Winning Post (37245860) **8.00** Golf Extra (10983678) **11.00-11.30** Golf. European Tour (69437808)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Women's Golf (27889) **8.30** Football (58995) **9.00** Motorcycling (97860) **11.00** Motorcycling (43112) **11.30** Motocross (44841) **12.00** Touring Car (68402) **1.00pm** Basketball (24402) **1.30** Freeride (86265) **2.00** Gymnastics (99889) **4.00** Tennis (65570) **5.30** Live Weightlifting (74537) **6.30** Motors (4082) **7.00** Live Weightlifting (45995) **9.00** Darts (90518) **10.00** Football (11247) **11.30** Tennis (16995) **12.00-12.30am** Olympic Games

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (8981605) **7.35** Neighbours (6382228) **8.00** Crossroads *(8025841)* **8.25** EastEnders (4560266) **9.00** The Bill (7962773) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4109605) **10.00** Robin's Nest (4056976) **10.30** The Sullivans (7968957) **11.00** Casualty (57723137) **12.05pm** Crossroads (86613421) **12.30** Neighbours (4103421) **1.00** EastEnders (8760353) **1.35** On the Up (7257131) **2.15** Sorry! (2920112) **2.50** 'Allo, 'Allo! (3787044) *3.30 The Bill* (3095112) **4.00** Boon (3509711) **5.00** Generation Game (63121860) **6.05** EastEnders (2575678) **6.40** Sykes (5891792) **7.20** Russ Abbot (5876402) **7.50** Rising Damp (7352150) **8.20** In Sickness and in Health (6579353) **9.00** The Bill (3505995) **9.30** The Paradise Club (47874605) **10.35** Sports Anorak (7964773) **11.10 FILM: Who Dares Wins** (63866781) **1.20am** Hazell (9122700) **2.15** Shopping at Night

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4295082) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (6131315) **7.30** Families (6143150) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1263624) **9.00** The Professionals (7272353) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (9107347) **10.30** Doctor at Large (9565179) **11.00** Love Among the Artists (6129570) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9549131) **12.30pm** Families (7093761) **1.00** Crown Court (6130686) **1.30**, The Good Life Guide (1000632) **2.00** A Family at War (9108976) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9395518) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9307353) **5.00** The Professionals (3639063) **6.00** Families (2192711) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2183063) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6454711) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6430131) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9303537) **9.30** The Comedians (5015437) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals

Great getaway in *The Italian Job* (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6835889) **6.25** Quack Attack (6847624) **6.50** Bonkers (5440334) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (2299222) **7.40** Aladdin (4929995) **8.05** Quack Pack (2102150) **8.30** Goof Troop (92353) **9.00** The Care Bears (4184773) **9.25** Pooh Corner (4103808) **9.50** Muppet Babies (3081044) **10.15** Groundling Marsh (7922024) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1890792) **11.05** Microscopic Milton (2399402) **11.10** Big Garage (4909711) **11.25** Play Along *(3457063)* ***11.55** Fraggle Rock (8168112)* **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (3014228) **12.35** Boy Meets World (7241792) **1.05** Timon and Pumbaa (68771247) **1.15** Mouse Tracks (349995) **1.45** Aladdin (60991334) **2.10** Goof Troop (24069082) **2.35** Bonkers (5892470) **3.00** Quack Attack (9344860) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2106402) **3.35** The Little Mermaid (8187150) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (5052402) **4.10** Goof Troop (6655995) **4.30** Every Day's a Chooseday (7711) **5.00** Aladdin (7884570) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2080024) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (102082) **6.00** New Doug (5976) **6.30** Boy Meets World (6228) **7.00** Brotherly Love (9565) **7.30 FILM: The Paper Brigade** (77247) **9.00-10.00** Touched by an Angel (38792)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9142889) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9454995) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4926957) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4938792) **8.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (2103599) **8.30** Crocadoo (2195570) **9.00** Rimbas Island (3931402) **9.20** The Magic Box (4548957) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (3814131) **10.15** Rimbas Island (8349266) **10.30** The Magic Box (2115334) **11.00** Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (6378228) **11.30** Pinocchio (6379957) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (2106686) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (10517334) **12.45** Power Rangers Zeo (8071044) **1.15** Big Bad Beetleborgs (93728689) **1.30** Eek! (4943402) **2.00** Life with Louie (3072402) **2.30** Crocadoo (3882995) **3.00** Gadget Boy (3091537) **3.30** Eek! (3854112) **4.00** Life with Louie (3873247) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3862131) **5.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3096082) **5.30** Spiderman (3886711) **6.00** X Men (3883624) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps

TCC

6.00am Road to Avonlea (36082) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (90353) **8.00** Batman (73228) **8.30** Art Attack (72599) **9.00** Flash Gordon (96179) **9.30** Bobby's World (14063) **10.00** Creepy Crawlers (54402) **10.30** Robinson Sucroe (85063) **11.00** Danger Mouse (94860) **11.30** Gravedale High (34549) **12.00** Oscar's Orchestra *(76315)* ***12.30pm** Halfway Across the* Galaxy and Turn Left (25179) **1.00** By Way of the Stars (69709) **1.30** New Black Beauty (17150) **2.00** The Girl from Tomorrow (2773) **2.30** Ocean Odyssey (3191) **3.00** Art Attack (1808) **3.30** Flash Gordon (2266) **4.00** Batman (1772) **4.30-5.00** The Big Dish (7957)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (65437) **6.30** Rocko's Modern Life (16155) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (38605) **7.30** Rugrats (17112) **8.00** Doug (22570) **8.30** Arthur (21841) **9.00** CBBC (13605) **10.00** Wimzie's House (90957) **10.30** Babar (41605) **11.00** Magic School Bus (56686) **11.30** Mr Men/King Rollo/Barney/Topsy and Tim/Skylark *(57315)* ***12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (32957)* **12.30pm** Little Bear Stories (50841) **1.00** CBBC (89624) **2.00** The Wubbulous World of Dr Seuss (4599) **2.30** Kissyfur (2247) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (6334) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (7792) **4.00** Jumanji (3699) **4.30** Rugrats (5711) **5.00** Sister Sister (8179) **5.30** Moesha (6063) **6.00** Press Gang (3976) **6.30-7.00** Doug (4228)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (4117624) **1.00pm** Madison (6990808) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4197860) **2.00** Hangtime (4498131) **2.30** California Dreams (3018063) **3.00** Byker Grove (4417266) **3.30** Blast (3030808) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (3009315) **4.30** Hangtime (3005599) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4412711) **5.30** California Dreams (3029179) **6.00** Byker Grove (3019792) **6.30** Madison (3000044) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (8297995)

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (8273315) **9.00** Monsters (3590063) **9.30** Twisted (4118353) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8296266) **11.00 FILM: Love and Bullets** (2377082) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4882396) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7029551) **3.00 FILM: Katie's Passion** (3364822) **5.00** The New Twilight Zone (2248993)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (8315) **7.30** Roseanne (3112) **8.00** E Ur (7063) **8.30** Almost *Perfect (6570)* ***9.00** Cheers (89150)* **9.30** Cybill (70605) **10.00** Frasier (33686) **10.30** Monty Python (42334) **11.00** Comedy Store (71995) **11.30** Nightstand (61402) **12.30am** Sledgehammer (11071) **1.00** Cheers (73025) **1.30** Cybill (89174) **2.00** E Ur (38071) **2.30** Comedy Store (20006) **3.00** Frasier (53261) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (11358)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

6.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1558044) **9.00 FILM: The Philadelphia Experiment** (1551131) **11.00** Moldiver (5868570) **11.30** Moldiver (4457686) **12.00** Moldiver (5506193) **12.30am** 40 Years of Hammer (7827193) **1.00** The Twilight Zone (3557071) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (5342261) **2.00** Friday the 13th (6529984) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (3373445)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7960315) **9.30** *Garden Calendar (4107247)* ***10.00** Screaming Reels* (4054518) **10.30** Doing it Up (7966599) **11.00** The Painted House (3583773) **11.30** This Old House (3584402) **12.00** Yan Can Cook (7980179) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (4101063) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (8996082) **1.30** Home Again (4100334) **2.00** The Log Cabin (4401605) **2.30** Furniture to Go (3021537) **3.00** Our House (4480112) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (3026082)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm High Five (3012888) **4.30** Top Marquees II (3001773) **5.00** Time Travellers (4492957) **5.30** Justice Files (3025353) **6.00** Amphibians (3022266) **6.30** Wild at Heart (3013518) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (4405421) **7.30** Disaster (3002402) **8.00** World of Strange Powers (4481841) **8.30** The Quest (4400976) **9.00** History's Mysteries (8299353) **10.00** The Dead Sea Scrolls (8269112) **11.00** Sharks of Steel (8973131) **12.00** Wings of the Red Star (8434280) **1.00am** Disaster (7003498) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (2337464)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (5867841) **5.00** The Moguls (2102650) **6.00** Mittel Europa (3237841) **7.00-8.00** Biography Charles Lindbergh (1572624)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05pm Cross Wits (9679266) **5.50** Family *Fortunes (187773)* ***6.20** Challenge TV's* Family Days Out (716860) **6.30** Catchphrase (301781) **7.05** Winner Takes All (151179) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (948792) **8.20** All Clued Up (206042) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (338247) **9.25** Challenge TV's InnQuizition (782044) **9.35** Sale of the Century (223976) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (781773) **11.20** Studs (243686) **12.00** Winner Takes All (78822) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (30919) **1.30** Moonlighting (55464) **2.30** The Byrds of Paradise (18006) **3.30** My Two Dads (59532) **4.00** The Fall Guy (72629) **5.00** HSN Direct Shopping (74103)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (30431063) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (7686353) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (7978247) **10.05** Jerry Springer (9891614) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7146266) **11.50** Brookside (9360976) **12.25pm** Why Me? (19460247) **12.55** Tempest (2595632) **1.40** Rolonda (6634711) **2.30** The Agony Experience (7730773) **3.00** Live at Three (92755421) **4.05** Jerry Springer (4217247) **5.05** Lingo (44502228) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7741889) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (9699570) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (9376112) **7.05** Hearts Afire (4902063) **7.35** Brookside (6594131) **8.05** Rolonda (6342624) **9.00** ***FILM: A Small Killing*** *(2704570)* ***11.00-12.00*** The Sex Zone (2794773)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Zabaan Sambhal ke **8.00** Gaane Anjaane **8.30** A Question of Cricket **9.00** Balkar Prem **9.30** Abhinetri **10.00** Tera **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Dance Mania **12.00** Daraar **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00 FILM: Mera Insaaf 4.00** ZEE Zone **4.05** Public Demand **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Alif Laila **6.00** Campus **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Kamaal Kombination **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat **8.00** News **8.35** Dastaan **9.05** Awards Hi Awards **10.00** Film Chaal **10.30** Purush Kshetra **11.30-12.00** Horror Show

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Inter offer £50 million bait to land Ronaldo

Ronaldo: speculation

FROM OLIVER HOLT
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN MILAN

HIS back was bent and his hands trembled, but the eyes of the old man waiting tables at the Pizzeria Gabula in the tiny village of Appiano Gentile were dancing with hope yesterday lunchtime. He had heard the radio reports and seen the newspaper headlines, he said, but he wanted confirmation. "Is it true?" he asked. "Has Ronaldo signed for Inter?"

An hour later, the sleek cars of the players began gliding down the country lanes leading to the luxurious Internazionale training camp a few miles south of Lake Como. It was supposed to be the media's last chance to talk to them about the Uefa Cup final second leg tonight, but the match against Schalke 04 did not get a look in.

Instead, the questions, the answers, the conversation, the whispers revolved around the fact that Inter appear poised to plunge into the biggest football transfer that the world has seen, a deal that would make Alan Shearer's £15 million move from Blackburn Rovers to Newcastle United pale into insignificance.

Both *Corriere dello Sport* and *La Gazzetta dello Sport* claimed yesterday morning that Inter and Massimo Moratti, its president, had agreed to make Ronaldo, the 20-year-old Brazilian, the first £50 million footballer.

On a day when all roads in the frenetic transfer world seemed to lead to this city, with Roberto Baggio, of AC Milan, rumoured to be bound for Manchester United as a replacement for Eric Cantona and Paolo Maldini, his team-mate, talked about as the next recruit for Chelsea's foreign legion, it was the news about Ronaldo that dominated everyone's thoughts.

It was said that Inter would pay £25 million to Barcelona as a transfer fee and more than £23 million to the player in wages over the next eight years, plus an extra £2 million to the Catalan club as a contractual penalty. It would put Ronaldo right up there with the highest paid performers of the National Basketball Association in the United States such as Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jordan.

Moratti insisted yesterday that nothing had been signed, but he acknowledged Inter's interest in Ronaldo, who scored his 33rd league goal of the season in Barcelona's win over Celta Vigo on Monday.

Ronaldo, who has a clause in his contract that allows him limited freedom of negotiation with other clubs, also scored the winning goal in the European Cup Winners' Cup final last week.

Roy Hodgson, the Inter manager who will take over at Blackburn Rovers next season, said that he had not been involved in any contractual negotiations since he informed the club of his intention to leave, but he is convinced of Inter's ambition.

"If they think a player can make the difference between them winning the Italian championship and not winning it," Hodgson said, "they would be prepared to pay a lot more than what Ronaldo would cost them. That, I am absolutely certain about." Ronaldo, who began his career with Cruzeiro, the Brazilian club, joined Barcelona from PSV Eindhoven for what was then a record fee of £12.5 million before the start of last season and has broken a decades-old scoring record.

Rumours that he was seeking a move from Spain have circulated all season and he has already secured one hefty pay rise. Until yesterday, it was thought that Lazio and Roma were leading the chase for him, but observers here accepted yesterday that Inter were now in pole position.

The new deal — the Italian papers are already printing diagrams of how he will slot into the attack alongside Djorkaeff and in front of Paul Ince — would be bankrolled by Pirelli, the club's leading sponsor, who are keen to expand their South American market.

It is still possible, of course, that Ronaldo may make an about-turn and confound all his suitors by staying at Barcelona. Bobby Robson, the Barcelona manager, whose position has been in doubt recently, said that he knew nothing about the move.

"I am very surprised," he said. "I do not know if Inter could come up with a big enough package to lure Ronaldo. I know that Lazio had the first option on him at one stage, but could not live with the money they would have had to have paid.

"I would not be pleased if Núñez [the Barcelona president] had agreed to sell him. Nobody would. I cannot see him doing that because he knows how popular he is here in Barcelona and he knows what selling him would do to his own popularity."

Furious Hoddle on the attack

World Cup warning for Liverpool pair

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IT MAY have been a familiar problem — that of club versus country — but Glenn Hoddle, the England football coach, was an unhappy man nonetheless yesterday. Indeed, he was patently angry about a decision by Liverpool to withdraw Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler from the squad that assembled to meet South Africa and Poland within the next 11 days. In suggesting that both players had damaged their prospects of appearing in the World Cup finals, Hoddle said, only half in jest: "I don't get mad, I get even."

Clearly, it was no idle threat, because Liverpool have already received a letter from the Football Association threatening sanctions at the failure to have both players report for duty on Sunday evening. In a strongly-worded statement from Graham Kelly, the chief executive, the FA suggested that the club was in breach of regulations. Liverpool could be fined or even docked points should they be deemed to have defied the FA and failed to allow players to meet for a competitive international match.

The dialogue between club and association centred around a demand by Kelly that both players should report to be checked by the England medical team. Liverpool refused and provided, instead, independent medical reports that concluded that McManaman's knee problem needed extensive treatment and that Fowler needed an operation on his adenoids.

This irked Hoddle, who responded with some venom for one of normally inscrutable character. "I am as disappointed as I could ever be and frustrated because the FA named a squad on the Friday at 1pm and, at 3pm, Liverpool said the players weren't available," he said. "My main concern is that there has been no communication.

"The situation needs to be addressed. It is difficult to give an easy answer to the question of how unfit the players are. We knew about McManaman's knee injury, but there are times when you think the player has to be stronger himself. With Robbie Fowler, we haven't had an answer to the question of why he couldn't have had the operation when he was suspended towards the end of the season, to make him available for the Poland game. In real terms, it could cost Robbie Fowler a place in the World Cup squad. It could have stopped them both playing in the finals next year."

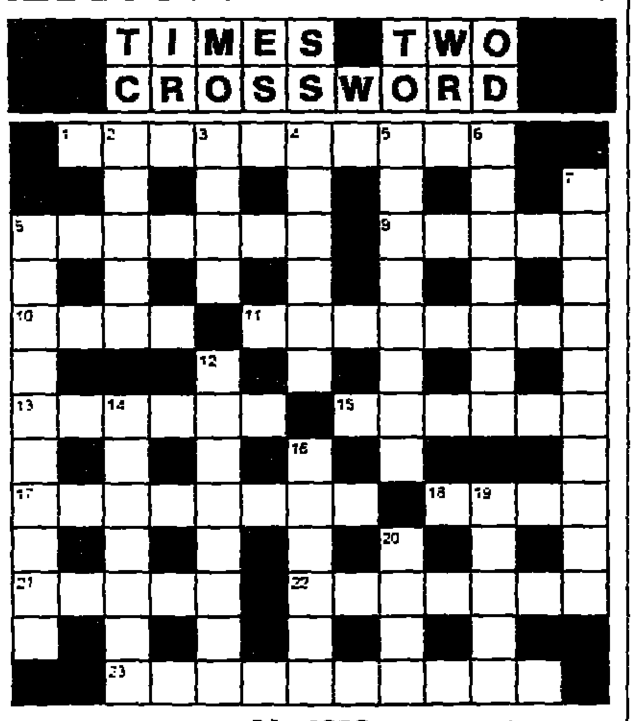
Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is perplexed and annoyed at Hoddle's comments and has promised to take vigorous issue with them when he receives a full transcript of Hoddle's press conference. Of particular concern for Liverpool is the suggestion that both players could have done more to join up with the squad and the claim that the club offered no communication. Liverpool will respond by providing evidence that the manager and his medical team were in daily contact over the past week with the England management.

Hoddle appeared to be intent on making an example of the pair, perhaps in an attempt to deter any similar situations from developing. Evans, however, is angry because he believes that his players have been tainted unfairly, given that they had no choice but to abide by the club's decision.

England will also be missing the services of Les Ferdinand, Gary Pallister and Paul Merson, none of whom reported when the squad met. Stepping slightly disbelievingly into their shoes yesterday were Darren Eadie, of Norwich City, Andy Cole, of Manchester United, and John Scales, of Tottenham Hotspur.

"When one door shuts for some players, then it opens for other players," Hoddle said. "Andy Cole and Darren Eadie have got the opportunity that others might have had and this is their chance. We are together for virtually three weeks and we will get to know those players well."

Hoddle obviously believes that his players will now get to know him a little more, too.



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8 Most important; a US election (7)
9 Doctor-repelling fruit (5)
10 Unspeaking (4)
11 Most soon (8)
13 Drink in (6)
15 Passionate enthusiasm (6)
17 Tangential (8)
18 *(In)* place *(of)* (4)
21 Command; neatness (5)
22 Lord High Everything Else *(Mikado)* (4-3)
23 Seized (goods for debt) (10)

DOWN
2 Drug: China wars over it (5)
3 Dull (coloured) (4)
4 Non-expert (6)
5 Slow movers; obsequious people (8)
6 Overlord (7)
7 Transparent (3-7)
8 London terminus (10)
12 Covers, hides (8)
14 Having facial hair (7)
16 Gunman in ambush (6)
19 Inspire; permeate (5)
20 Hindu meditator (4)

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Gascoigne tries a flamboyant back-heel in training with England yesterday

Derby seal Eranio signing

BY RICHARD HOBSON

DERBY County pulled off an unlikely transfer coup yesterday when they persuaded Stefano Eranio, capped 20 times by Italy, to join them from AC Milan. Eranio, 30, a right-sided midfield player, rejected approaches from AS Monaco, the prospective French champions, and FC Porto, who retained their Portuguese title at the weekend, to join Derby.

He arrives on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling having turned down the offer of a new two-year contract with Milan in favour of a three-year deal with Derby. He will return to Milan for the remainder of the Serie A season and feature in the four-team tournament against England, Brazil and France, the hosts, before moving to his new home.

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, was informed that Eranio would become available three weeks ago. He watched him play against Udinese seven days later and flew to Milan for a second time on Monday, contract in hand.

Sunderland are parting company with Chris Waddle, 36, in the wake of their relegation from the FA Carling Premiership. The club will not renew Waddle's contract when it runs out at the end of June.

Heart of Midlothian last night terminated the contract of Stephane Paille, the French striker, after he became the first player in Scottish football to fail a drugs test. Paille tested positive for an amphetamine-based medicament after a match with Kilmarnock at Rugby Park on April 5. The Scottish Football Association imposed a ban from July 19 to November 19 after investigating the case.

Second Olympic verdict floors Jones

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NINE years after he lost the Olympic light-middleweight title in the ring in Seoul, Roy Jones was once again the loser yesterday.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), having investigated allegations of corruption against judges at the 1988 Games, decided that Jones was not cheated of the gold medal when Park Si-hun, of South Korea, was given the verdict in the light-middleweight final.

"There is no evidence of corruption in the boxing events in Seoul," François Carrard, the IOC director general, said. "The facts obtained by the working group have not added any new elements that would warrant reviewing the decision taken by the judges."

Jones, of the United States, who is a former professional world middleweight, super-middleweight and light-heavyweight champion and is regarded as the best boxer in the world, was bitterly disappointed. Fred Levin, his lawyer, said: "Both Roy and American Olympic people who pressed his case were very disappointed."

Most ringsiders and commentators in Seoul and television viewers were shocked when Park was declared the champion. In their view, Jones had won clearly. After claims of cheating, the IOC studied an East German secret police report alleging that the judges had been bribed to give decisions in favour of the South Koreans.

Carrard said that he had travelled to Morocco to talk to Hiouad Larbi, one of the judges in the Jones contest, and his evidence convinced him that the judges had made the right decision.

Australians left high and dry by English weather

BY ALAN LEE AND SIMON WILDE

THE risk taken by Australia in their tour itinerary was fully exposed yesterday. Of the four one-day fixtures that they allowed themselves as preparation for the internationals, the first was uncompetitive, the second rain-affected and the third badly lost. The complete washout at Chester-le-Street yesterday means that they will start the Texaco Trophy tomorrow severely short of match practice.

While the Australians have largely brought this position upon themselves, Durham deserve sympathy for the loss of a showpiece game that would have broken crowd and revenue records at their expanding Riverside venue. After the umpires abandoned the game shortly after 10am, hundreds of spectators stayed to see Kevin Keegan, icon for the North East, officially open stage two of the grandstand and offer the touring side a consolatory game of football. They declined and headed rapidly for an afternoon net session at Headingley.

Geoff Marsh, the Australians' coach, was philosophical. "It was necessary for our guys to have a break after the trip to South Africa," he said. "Sometimes, rest is just as important as practice. We are not worried and we are not complaining. We will be ready on Thursday."

The Australians had hoped to play their preferred one-day international XI yesterday, with Michael Slater batting at No 6 and Andy Bichel making his return from a back injury. The abandonment makes it unlikely that Bichel, who bowled impressively in South Africa, will be risked tomorrow and his place should go to Michael Kasprowicz.

In contrast, England's 15-man party enjoyed a dry and sunny morning at Headingley for their first practice session, devoting much of their time to honing fielding skills. They meet again this morning, but are unlikely to name a team until shortly before the game tomorrow.

David Lloyd, the coach, has suggested that nobody should think that Ben Hollioake, who has been chosen for the first time at the age of 19, will be the last youngster thrust into the team this summer. The process of fast-tracking players from the Development of Excellence programme and the under-19s into the England team is set to accelerate, he said. Among those likely for swift promotion is Alex Tudor, the Surrey fast bowler.

There are at least two long-term strategic reasons behind the policy. One is to earmark a group of players who will enable England to strongly compete in the World Cup in 1999; the other, to identify those who are mentally tough enough to pass muster at international level.

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